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Lakeland nervous as COVID-19 surges

Hospital could hit capacity constraints if virus numbers continue current trajectory

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Spectrum Health Lakeland officials have grown more wary this week about the hospital's capacity to take care of COVID-19 patients.

"We hope the trends of the last three or four weeks do not continue for the next three or four weeks. If those trends continue, it will produce some capacity constraints in the health system," Dr. Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, said during a news conference Thursday morning.

He said when the pandemic started, the hospital stopped all elective procedures to focus on taking care of COVID patients.

"At this point, of course, we have a lot of sick people that need care that aren't COVID. So we have a significant concern of running out of beds over the next several weeks," Hamel said.

The hospital's peak number of COVID patients back in April and May stayed in the 20s, but this week the hospital saw more than 30 COVID-19 positive patients admitted.

There were 27 in the hospital Thursday morning. That's compared to 21 last Thursday and 16 the Thursday before that.

"Our ICU is getting significantly more full too," Hamel said. "We've had up to six or seven patients in there."

The president of Spectrum Health West Michigan, Daryl Elmouchi, sent a message to Spectrum staff Tuesday warning that he's "afraid we're standing at the base of a mountain," and that "this is serious."

Spectrum Health has started to limit its number of visitors to its facilities again.

Hamel said Lakeland's visitor restrictions are still in place and may need to be increased if the high volume of COVID-19 patients continues.

Hamel said the only good news is that COVID-19 deaths do seem to be declining because of advances in treatment, but that won't be the case if the hospital is over capacity.

The state health department issued an order Thursday limiting indoor gatherings at homes to 10 people and non-residential indoor gatherings "without fixed seating" to 50 people or 20 people per 1,000 square feet.

Nicki Britten, health officer for the Berrien County Health Department, said Thursday that the average number of new COVID-19 cases a day in Berrien County has more than tripled just this month.

She said at the beginning of October the county was seeing about 12 new cases a day, and now it's seeing about 40.

Berrien County recorded 46 new confirmed COVID-19 cases Thursday and four new presumed cases. The county added 30 new recoveries and no new deaths Thursday, as well.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 383 active cases. That's up from 367 on Wednesday and 274 last Thursday.

The Berrien County's percent positivity is still rising as well, coming in at 7.8 percent early this week. Van Buren and Cass county both have percent positivity rates above 8 percent.

Britten said long-term and congregant care facilities are in a much better position now than they were at the beginning of the pandemic now that they have more PPE, though some facilities are still seeing some cases of COVID-19.

Britten remains optimistic about schools staying open for in-person learning, saying that so far they do not seem to be a driver of virus transmission.

"The schools are taking the precautions very seriously," she said. "They're wearing masks, practicing really good hand hygiene, minimizing the amount of contact between people and excluding people when they're sick."

Britten said she would use this as encouragement for the rest of the community.

"In this setting that has felt like it would be very vulnerable, they have shown us that diligence to all of those safety measures has really slowed, and curtailed, spread and made it possible for an activity that we value so much to continue," Britten said.

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Workers dig a line to connect the Sherwin-Williams building to Benton Township's water system Thursday. The paint store is moving into its new building next month.

Preparing to move

Sherwin-Williams paint store moving to Benton Township from downtown SJ

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — One of the largest spaces in downtown St. Joseph will soon be available.

The Sherwin-Williams paint store, 209 State St., will soon move into a larger, free-standing location in Benton Township.

Steve Nichols, district manager for Sherwin-Williams, said the move has been ongoing since late 2019. However, the move experienced some setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now it appears the paint store is set to relocate by mid-November.

"The benefit is for our customers," Nichols said. "That's what this move is all about. It's about having access to services for our customers."

Benton Township Building Inspector Chris Fuchs said Sherwin-Williams officials submitted site plans nearly a year and a half ago to the township building department for permits.

The building is on an outlot just east of the Meijer store and its respective gas station along Pipestone Road in Benton Township.

Workers broke ground on the project earlier this year on the 4,000-square-foot building.

Nichols said the decision to relocate was made based on traffic patterns and visibility.

"You've got access to I-94 and Pipestone," he said. "There we will be able to take advantage of the retail traffic and shopping centers."

The construction was funded by Alrig USA, a developer out of Southeast Michigan.

The last portion of the project that needs to be completed is getting the new

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The Sherwin-Williams paint store will soon move from downtown St. Joseph to a new building, pictured above Thursday, in Benton Township.

In a heavily litigated election, taking a stand has new meaning

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

In the most litigious presidential election in memory, court fights are even happening over where poll watchers may stand as the votes are tallied.

Lawsuits by the hundreds already have been filed – with the prospect of many more before and after Tuesday's voting – as both Democrats and Republicans try to settle in court a process that is usually determined by citizens simply casting ballots.

The legal action runs along a broad spectrum, from a dispute over whether guns are allowed near polling places to more complicated matters that already have reached the Supreme Court.

"The level of litigation has just been so unprecedented," said Sophia Lin Lakin, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Voting Rights Project. "It does feel like there's a desire to elevate any possible thing. Possible misunderstandings or just disagreements with what the rules are is somehow ending up in court. It feels very different."

Roughly 300 lawsuits have been filed over the election in dozens of states across the country, and still scores remain unsettled just days before Election Day. Many involve changes to normal procedures given the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed more

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Lab tests show risks of using CRISPR gene editing on embryos

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

A lab experiment aimed at fixing defective DNA in human embryos shows what can go wrong with this type of gene editing and why leading scientists say it's too unsafe to try. In more than half of the cases, the editing caused unintended changes, such as loss of an entire chromosome or big chunks of it.

Columbia University researchers describe their work Thursday in the journal Cell. They used CRISPR-cas9, the same chemical tool that a Chinese scientist used on embryos in 2018 to help make the world's first gene-edited babies, which landed him in prison and drew international scorn.

The tool lets scientists cut DNA in a precise spot and has profound potential for good – it's already used to raise better crops and livestock, holds promise for treating diseases and earned its discoverers a Nobel Prize earlier this month.

But using it on embryos, sperm or eggs makes changes that can pass to future generations. Several international panels of scientists and ethicists have said it's too soon to know whether that can be done safely, and the new Columbia work shows the possible harm.

"If our results had been known two years ago, I doubt that anyone would have gone ahead" and tried it on embryos intended for pregnancy, said biologist Dieter Egli, who led the study.

Researchers made 40 embryos with eggs from healthy donors and sperm from a man with a gene mutation – a single letter missing in the DNA alphabet – that causes blindness. Editing was aimed at

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As virus surges, Trump rallies keep packing in thousands

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There are no crowds at Disneyland, still shut down by the coronavirus. Fewer fans attended the World Series this year than at any time in the past century. Big concerts are canceled.

But it's a different story in Trumpland. Thousands of President Donald Trump's supporters regularly cram together at campaign rallies around the country – masks optional and social distancing frowned upon.

Trump rallies are among the nation's biggest events being held in defiance of crowd restrictions designed to stop the virus from spreading. This at a time when public health experts are advising people to think twice even about inviting many guests for Thanksgiving dinner.

"It doesn't matter who you are or where you are, when you have congregate settings where people are crowded together and virtually no one is wearing a mask, that's a perfect setup to have an outbreak of acquisition and transmissibility," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, recently told Yahoo News. "It's a public health and scientific fact."

The Trump campaign, which distributes masks and hand sanitizer at its rallies, says those who attend are peaceful protesters who, just like Black Lives Matter demonstrators, have a right to assemble. The president says he wants to get the country back to normal.

Some states have fined venues that host Trump rallies for violating caps on crowd size. But the rallies continue – even as the U.S. sees cases spike, especially in the Midwest and the Plains. The nation posted a record high number of new infections last week – nearly 500,000.

And the crowds keep turning out for Trump.

Ysabel Benejam, 69, of West Bloomfield, Michigan, drove about 90 minutes to Lansing and waited more than four hours in rainy, near-freezing temperatures to see Trump on Tuesday.

"I'm not afraid at all," said Benejam, wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat and a mask emblazoned with "Trump 2020." "We need to step back into normality."

Democrat Joe Biden, in contrast, has shunned rallies and instead holds online and drive-in events where people honk their horns to show support. He calls the Trump rallies "super-spreader events" and says he's listening to the warnings of public health experts.

Since Feb. 7, when Trump told author Bob Woodward that he knew the coronavirus was airborne and deadlier than than the flu, the president has hosted more than 50 rallies in more than two dozen states. They were halted during most of March, April and May because of the pandemic. After they resumed in late June, they were held primarily outdoors at airports.

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Michigan
Poker Lotto
AH-4D-2H-9H-5S
Midday Daily 3
8-4-1
Midday Daily 4
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Daily 3
3-3-8
Daily 4
7-1-7-3
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SH man accused of killing wife is bound over

Autopsy: Kimberly Halstead died from numerous injuries, strangulation

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — A South Haven man accused of killing his wife in August is now headed for an appearance in 36th Circuit Court next month.

Seventh District Court Judge Art Clarke ruled during a preliminary exam on Thursday that there is enough probable cause to send 36-year-old Randy Halstead Jr. to the higher court for the felony charge of open murder in the death of Halstead's wife, Kimberly Halstead. Randy Halstead will appear in circuit court Nov. 16 for the arraignment.

Clarke stated he made his decision to bind over Halstead to the higher court based on an autopsy indicating 48-year-old Kimberly Halstead had sustained numerous injuries. The autopsy also indicated she had suffered from blunt force trauma, asphyxiation and strangulation. Clarke went on to say he also was basing his decision on the testimony of two witnesses who told the court on Wednesday that Randy Halstead had come to their home the evening of Kimberly Healstead's death to say he thought he had killed his wife.

HALSTEAD

The incidents leading up to Randy Halstead's arrest Aug. 20, began at approximately 11 p.m. on Aug. 19 when he called 911 to report that his wife was unconscious.

During Thursday's preliminary exam, South Haven Police Sgt. Zachary Hathaway testified that when he got to the Halstead's upstairs apartment on Pearl Street, he found Kimberly Halstead laying at the bottom of steps that led from the back bedroom to a laundry room below.

"I immediately observed dark bruising around her neck and body. She was bleeding from her nose and ear and not breathing," Hathaway told the court.

He also testified that paramedics from South Haven Area Emergency Services estimated that Kimberly Halstead had died a couple of hours prior to Randy Halstead's 911 call at 11 p.m.

"I was told by paramedics the patient had been deceased for a couple of hours," Hathaway said.

When asked by Van Buren County Assistant Prosecutor Jay Blair what Randy Halstead's demeanor was like when first responders arrived to the apartment, Hathaway said "he appeared to be somewhat frantic." Yet, when Randy Halstead was informed his wife was deceased, Hathaway told the court, "he didn't have any concern."

Two other witnesses, John Fagler and Mallory Zink, testified that Randy Halstead, whom they had only met once before, had come over to their home earlier that evening around 7:30 p.m.

"He came in really stressed out. He was shaking and emotional and said, 'I think I just killed my wife," Fagler said. Fagler's girlfriend, Zink, said she also heard Randy Halstead say that.

She testified the couple didn't immediately call 911 or police because they didn't think Halstead was serious.

"It was like some little fight you have with your spouse," Zink said. "He (Randy Halstead) said she stopped breathing but after 20 minutes she started talking. We were quiet afterwards. We didn't know what to say. Who would just walk in and say, "I think I killed my wife' after you've only met him twice."

Attorney Caleb Grimes, representing Randy Halstead, argued that much of the evidence presented at the preliminary exam was circumstantial. He questioned whether there was DNA evidence from the crime scene to directly link Randy Halstead to his wife's death.

"There are only two witnesses saying he thought he did it," Grimes stated. "I don't know with the scant testimony what links Mr. Halstead to killing his wife."

SIGN OF THE TIMES

John Madill / HP correspondent

While many area residents are advocating for either President Donald Trump or former Vice President Joe Biden, a Van Buren County resident near Hartford recently had a more humorous take on the upcoming presidential election.

IN BRIEF

Two injured in crash near Niles

NILES — Two people were injured in a crash near Niles on Wednesday afternoon, the Berrien County Sheriff's Office reported.

Police were called just before 4 p.m. to the intersection of Old U.S. 31 and Ullery Road in Niles Township, where two vehicles had collided. Both drivers, whose names have not been released, were taken to South Bend Memorial Hospital by Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance for treatment of serious but non-life threatening injuries, police said.

A preliminary investigation found that a Chevrolet Blazer driven by a 22-year-old Niles man rear-ended a Ford Focus driven by a 62-year-old Niles woman, according to police. The crash remains under investigation by the Berrien County Sheriff's Department Accident Investigation Team.

Sheriff's deputies were assisted at the scene by the Niles Township Fire Department and Michigan State Police.

Unity Service is tonight

ST. JOSEPH — The monthly Unity Service will be 7-9 p.m. today at Road to Life Church, 3800 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Organizer Dr. Sherry O'Donnell said this is a change of location from what was previously announced. O'Donnell organized the first Unity Service in July and has put together a service for the last Friday of every month since then. Attendees are asked to wear face masks and practice social distancing.

The services feature speakers and worship teams from several local churches, with the goal being "to focus on God, family, community, and neighborly love," O'Donnell said.

This week's lineup includes: Pastor Erik Gustafson, Lake Michigan Christian Church; Roger Lange, Lange Consultants; Kenny Mason, Blue Roof Church youth pastor; Elder Edward Woods III, "Woody"; Pastor Jeff Whitaker, The Embassy; and Pastor Dan Miller, superintendent, Assembly of God.

White supremacists accused of intimidating Michigan family

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DETROIT — Two members of a white supremacist group were arrested Thursday and accused of intimidating a Michigan family, authorities said.

Justen Watkins, 25, of Bad Axe, and Alfred Gorman, 35, of Taylor, were charged with gang membership, unlawful posting of a message and using computers to commit a crime, according to Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's office.

The charges followed an investigation by Michigan State Police and the FBI into a group called The Base and a December 2019 incident in which a family in Dexter saw men in dark clothing shining a light and taking photos on the front porch of their home. The photos were uploaded onto The Base's social media platform channel along with a caption that alluded to a person involved with an antifa podcast, according to authorities.

Nessel's office said the group was targeting that person, but that he had never lived at the home, which is about 52 miles west of Detroit.

Antifa is an umbrella description for far-left-leaning militant groups that resist white supremacists at demonstrations and other events.

"Using tactics of intimidation to incite fear and violence constitutes criminal behavior," Nessel said. "We cannot allow dangerous activities to reach their goal of inflicting violence and harm on the public."

The arrests come after authorities earlier this month alleged that members of two anti-government paramilitary groups – the Michigan III%ers and the Wolverine Watchmen – took part in plotting to kidnap Michigan Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer before the Nov. 3 elections in reaction to what they viewed as her "uncontrolled power." Some were charged under federal law and others under state law. Some of the Wolverine Watchmen are accused of planning and training for other violent crimes, including storming the Michigan Capitol building.

Whitmer has placed some blame on Republican President Donald Trump, noting that he did not condemn white supremacists in the first presidential debate with Democrat Joe Biden and instead told a far-right group to "stand back and stand by."

"Hate groups heard the president's words not as a rebuke but as a rallying cry, as a call to action," Whitmer said at the time.

BH's Darwin Watson accused of plagiarism

School board candidate pins blame on unnamed associate

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor school board Trustee Darwin Watson, who is accused of plagiarism, said someone else edited the statements for his political campaign and added in the plagiarized parts.

"What I'm guilty of, and I own it, is trusting somebody else and not having the confidence in my writing skills and second guessing them," he told The Herald-Palladium on Thursday.

WATSON

It was first reported by The South Bend Tribune on Wednesday that a statement Watson posted on his political Facebook page on Sept. 19 "in part, matches word-for-word a statement by Jane Chon, a school board candidate in San Marino, Calif."

Chon's statement, along with the statements of six other San Marino school board candidates, was posted on Oct. 5, 2018, by The San Marino Tribune.

Watson, who was appointed to the school board in October 2019, has since taken the Sept. 19 post down. Watson is the former city manager for Benton Harbor.

Watson is also accused of plagiarizing comments he gave to The Herald-Palladium, which ran on Oct. 17 in a story regarding the seven candidates vying for four open seats on the school board during next Tuesday's election.

The South Bend Tribune reported that those statements were in the same article as Chon's statements and came from Michael Killackey, another candidate for the San Marino school board.

Watson was quoted in The Herald-Palladium saying, "The value of our students' education defines the valuation of our community. It is my belief that student success in today's rapidly evolving world requires an educational environment that maximizes each child's potential. Benton Harbor Area Schools deserve the best, and it is important that we continually push for excellence, ask the tough questions, demand thorough and transparent answers and expect superior results."

That quote matches Killackey's words in two different parts of his 2018 comments in the San Marino Tribune.

In one place, Killackey is quoted as saying, "Further, the value of our students' education defines the valuation of our community."

In another place, Killackey is quoted as saying, "As an SMUSD parent, I believe student success in today's rapidly evolving world requires an educational environment that maximizes each child's potential."

A review of the email Watson sent to The Herald-Palladium for the election advance story shows other parts that were plagiarized from Killackey's comments, but were not published in The HP's Oct. 17 story.

Watson said he hasn't had a chance to compare his statements with the ones in the San Marino Tribune or to talk with the person who helped him write his statements.

"It's an associate of mine that I trusted that I've known for years, but they don't live in the area," he said.

Watson declined to say who the person was, and said he never would have used the statements if he had known they were plagiarized.

He said that the plagiarized material accurately reflects how he feels and he had no reason to question it.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "This was someone that I trusted."

Watson said he plans to reach out to Chon and Killackey to explain what happened.

The South Bend Tribune on Saturday reported that South Bend board member Leslie Wesley has admitted to plagiarizing Chon. Wesley told the South Bend paper that "a campaign aide was to blame."

The paper reported that Chon later told the paper that "she and some friends began running parts of her 2018 statement through some online plagiarism checkers."

Chon told the South Bend paper that her words have also been plagiarized in other places.

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Bravo	Tokyo Drift	★★ Fast & Furious ('09, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. CC				★★ Fast & Furious ('09) CC	
Cartoon	Victor	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	American	American	Rick
Cinemax	★★ Safe House	:10 ★★★ 8 Mile ('02, Drama) Eminem, Kim Basinger, Brittany Murphy. CC				Warrior (N) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Office
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Disney	Zombies	Jessie	Jessie	Raven	:20 Casper		Fam Jam
DIY	Beach	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	:15 ★★ Fifty Shades Darker ('17)				:45 ★ Fifty Shades Freed		
ESPN	College Football Minnesota at Maryland. (N) (L)						TBA
ESPN2	5:30 UFC Live			College Football East Carolina at Tulsa. (N)			
ESPNC	Baseball	College Football				College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	High School Football MHSAA: Teams TBA. (N) (L)					High School	
Freefrm	6:50 ★★ The Addams Family ('91) Anjelica Huston.			8:55 ★★ Addams Family Values ('93) Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia. CC			
FX	5:30 Get Out	★★ Venom ('18, Action) Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams, Riz Ahmed. CC				★★★ A Quiet Place ('18) CC	
Golf	PGA Golf			PGA Champions			
Hallmark	Pride, Prejudice	Chateau Christmas ('20, Romance) Merritt Patterson, Luke Macfarlane. CC				The Christmas Cottage ('17) CC	
HBO	6:50 The Undoing	7:50 ★★★ EMMA. ('20, Romance) Anya Taylor-Joy, Johnny Flynn. CC				Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Mon	MonsterQuest		MonsterQuest		Dngr. Primates	
HGTV	Home	Builds	Builds	Big Italian Adventure		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Chantel	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N)				90 Day	90 Day
Lifetime	Grounded for	A Crafty Christmas Romance ('20) Nicola Posener, Brad Johnson. (P). CC				:03 Christmas Unwrapped ('20) CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridiculousness		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Football	UFA (N)		World Class Championship Boxing			
NFL	NFL Total	NFL GameDay View		NFL Fantasy Live		NFL GameDay View	
Nick	Afraid	Are You Afraid		Are You Afraid		Friends	Friends
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Showtime	★ Countdown ('19) Elizabeth Lail, Jordan Calloway. CC			Citizen Bio (N) CC			Scary Stories
Starz	Spanish Princ.	★ Blumhouse's Fantasy Island ('20, Horror) Michael Peña, Maggie Q. CC				9:53 ★ The Grudge ('20) CC	
STZENC	Holmes & Watson	★★★ The Omen ('76, Horror) Gregory Peck, Lee Remick, David Warner. CC				9:55 ★★ Damien: Omen II ('78)	
SyFy	Leatherface ('17)	★ Halloween ('07, Horror) Malcolm McDowell, Scout Taylor-Compton, Tyler Mane. CC				:28 The Mask	
TBS	Bob's Burgers	★★ Rampage ('18, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Naomie Harris. CC (DVS)				★★★ I Am Legend ('07)	
TCM	Return of Dr. X	★★ The Four Skulls of Jonathan Drake		:15 ★★ Eye of the Devil ('67, Horror) Deborah Kerr, David Niven. CC			
TMC	★★ The Captive	★★ Road House ('89, Action) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch, Sam Elliott. CC				★★ The Upside ('17) Kevin Hart.	
TNT	West	★★★★ Star Wars: A New Hope ('77)					Star Wars
Travel	Os	Portals to Hell (N)		The Osbournes: Night of Terror (N) CC			
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USA	6:10 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2			★★ Maleficent ('14, Fantasy) Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning. CC (DVS)			
VH1	Scream	Scream CC		Scream CC		Scream "Blindspots"	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Studies indicate fitness trackers can predict illness

DEAR DOCTORS: My husband caught a cold this summer, and he swears the readings from his fitness tracker a few days before warned him that he was about to be sick. Do you think that's really possible?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: Your husband's observations about how changes in the data from his fitness tracker preceded the onset of a cold actually dovetail with the findings of a study that were published at the start of the year. And it's not the first research of its kind to make the connection. With millions of people now using fitness trackers, scientists are diving into the trove of uploaded data to see what the details may be able to reveal about public health.

For anyone unfamiliar with fitness trackers, they're wearable sensors, much like a wristwatch, that measure a range of activity and health metrics. Depending on the device – there are dozens of different brands and types – fitness trackers measure steps taken, total mileage, speed, direction, elevation climbed and duration of activity. On the physiological side of things, they can track heart rate, heart rhythms, skin temperature and minutes of sleep. Some manufacturers even claim that, using motion sensors and algorithms, their models can map how long someone spends in the various stages of sleep. (Full disclosure: Many sleep specialists are skeptical about the accuracy of the sleep-stage results.)

In a recent study, researchers from the Scripps Research Translational Institute analyzed data collected from the fitness trackers of 47,000 adult women and men. Using a minimum of two months' worth of readings taken over the course of two years, which included activity, heart rate and sleep, the researchers found that their predictions of regional flu outbreaks matched the statistical data collected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention during those same time periods. An earlier study, published by researchers at Stanford University in early 2017, had come to similar conclusions. In that study, the scientists collected 250,000 daily readings from just 43 individuals over the course of a year. The participants wore a range of biosensors, which collected information about daily activity, heart rate, oxygen saturation levels, skin temperature and sleep data. They even tracked exposure to radiation, such as the X-rays and gamma rays encountered in air travel.

As with the Scripps study, certain changes to the readings collected by the wearable sensors predicted coming down with a cold or the flu. These changes included persistent increases in resting heart rate, which were coupled with increases to daily sleep. One of the Stanford scientists, who was also a participant in the study, noticed he had an increased heart rate and a decrease in blood oxygen saturation. It turned out that he didn't have a cold; instead, the data from the eight different biosensors he was wearing for the study led to an early diagnosis of Lyme disease, before any other symptoms of the condition had appeared.

It's a fascinating line of inquiry that, no surprise, is getting additional study. In the meantime, listen to your body, stay home if you think you're getting sick and, please, get your flu shot.

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Pandemic wedding causes potential family feud

DEAR CAROLYN: My sister's daughter, "Abbie," and my daughter, "Karen," have always been very close. So when Abbie asked Karen to be her maid of honor and officiate at the ceremony, Karen was thrilled.

At the time of the engagement, my sister made it known to me and Karen that she was concerned my daughter would bring COVID-19 with her from New York, where cases have been high. The bride did not express any fears to us.

Carolyn Hax

Karen made plans to drive 12 hours, not fly, to the wedding venue, to quarantine before the wedding date and to take a rapid coronavirus test before leaving home.

Due to the pandemic, the wedding plans changed to include only immediate family and Karen.

Six weeks before the wedding, Karen contacted Abbie to get a wedding update and to ask about plans for testing other family members traveling from other cities. Two days later, Abbie told Karen she no longer wanted her in the wedding. She said she would not ask anyone else to be tested.

My daughter is heartbroken, disappointed and a little angry, too. Since then, several calls and texts to my sister and brother-in-law to extend birthday wishes – only messages with birthday greetings were left – have gone unanswered. The bride has also not answered Karen's messages.

My fear is that my sister's avoiding us will evolve into a major family feud and a prolonged breakdown in communication between the two families. I am completely fine with no longer being invited to the wedding, but feel the decision to exclude my daughter was coldhearted, unwarranted and mean, especially since Karen was willing to "go the extra mile" for her cousin.

I feel very badly for her. Should I just wait it out? – Mother of the Ex-Maid of Honor

DEAR MOTHER: Short answer, yes.

I left the long story intact, mostly, because the first thing people want to know about a rift is what caused it. Yet the more times I read it, the more I think it doesn't matter.

Your sister and her family made up their minds; they have their reasons; their reasons for not having Karen travel to the wedding, even quarantined and tested, are at least defensible; their reasons for applying different standards to different family members are possibly not defensible – but only they really know what they are; and there may be more to this but you have no way of finding out since they've gone silent (indefensible, in most cases).

That's what we have. And it's a lot, but not enough to justify saying anything definitive about anything they've done or are going to do.

What I do know for sure is that you control your part of whether this "will evolve into a family feud." That means you can decide this "mean" decision will divide you and your sister.

Or you can decide to wait to see what happens next. Or you can decide *you* won't be the reason this causes a rift.

Since you're asking me, and since there's enough division in the world to hold us for the next decade or six, my advice is to choose, upfront, to drop it – before you're even sure what you're dropping.

I think you'll feel better. And you can always change your mind.

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ACROSS
1 Hatha- —
5 Golfer's benchmark
8 Brief craze
11 Furniture wood
13 Summer cooler
14 Corrida cry
15 Shinbone
16 Elite one
17 Near the ground
18 Haze plus
20 Cuzco locale
22 "Jaws" milieu
24 Expert
25 Mink or ermine
26 Be a doctor
28 Like space
32 Colorado tribe
33 Alice's chronicler
34 Puppy-chow brand
35 Remnant
37 Promise
39 Cash substitute
40 Wooded valley
41 A law — itself
42 Make mistakes
43 Go-aheads
45 Occurrence
47 Microscopic animal (var.)
50 Brown songbird
51 Hobby shop buy
52 Weekday (abbr.)
54 Water-ski locales
58 Co.
59 Actress Delaney
60 Vista
61 Extreme degree
62 Elec. unit
63 Mock fanfare (hyph.)

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1 Even so
2 Osaka sash
3 Slangy sailor
4 Flavorful seed
5 Sharp pain
6 Uproar
7 Concrete reinforcer
8 Quit, in poker
9 Soothing plant
10 Water condensations
12 Harley rival
19 Oppressive
21 Exploding star
22 Outlandish
23 Fish basket
24 Conspirator
25 Elmer of cartoons
27 Alda or Turing
29 UFO passenger
30 Soccer or hockey
31 — de France
36 Dollop
38 Mean dwellings
44 Writer Franz —
46 Put into law
47 Quite similar
48 Tangy flavor
49 Draw on glass
50 Chicken, so to speak
53 Periphery
55 Big green parrot
56 Wrap up
57 Jellyfish habitat

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LIGAE

RADHO

RRTEEF

CDTEKO

The peacock is really coming along.
Thanks! I've got the neck finished. Now I'm working on its face.
THE ARTIST INITIALLY STRUGGLED TO LEARN HOW TO CREATE METAL SCULPTURES, BUT SHE ---
10/30

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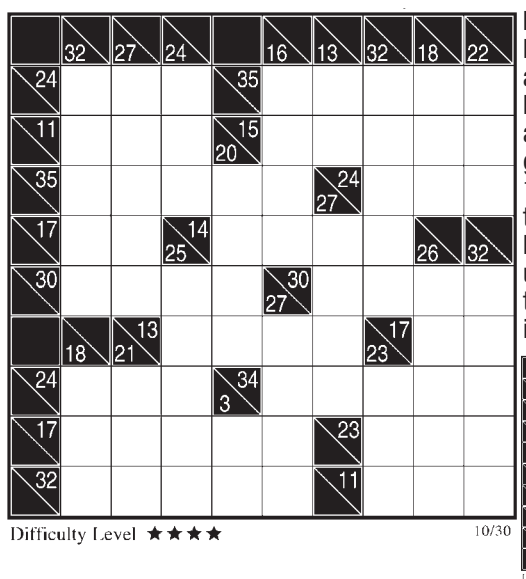
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

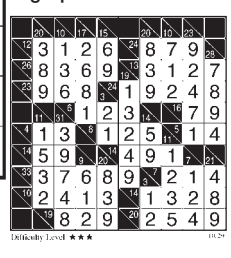
Yesterday's Jumbles: KIOSK RUNNY MEEKLY CACTUS
Answer: During the California Gold Rush, this land owner had a — ONE-TRACK "MINE"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/30

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Ambrose Bierce, in "The Devils' Dictionary," defined optimism as "the doctrine or belief that everything is beautiful, including what is ugly."

Bridge players are either optimistic or pessimistic. The former assume all finesses work and suits split nicely; the latter expects the opposite. In general, bet on the pessimists. Similarly, in the auction, some players bid the spots off the cards; others tread more carefully. There is a third category: those who are swayed by the vulnerability.

Look at the South hand in today's diagram. North passes, and East opens two hearts, showing a decent six-card suit and 5-10 high-card points. Do you agree with your two-no-trump overcall? Then, after North advances three hearts, a transfer bid promising at least five spades, what would you do?

I agree with two no-trump, despite its flaws, because the alternatives are worse. To pass with 16 points or to overcall three diamonds on such a weak suit has no appeal. Yes, here, no-trump would have played better from the North side, but he wouldn't have bid three no-trump over three diamonds.

Should you complete the transfer with three spades or superaccept by jumping to four spades, showing four-card spade support and a suitable hand for spades? Since partner could have nothing, you should be pessimistic – or realistic – and settle for three spades. Hope that if four spades is making, partner makes another bid.

At the table, North passed out three spades, of course. South was held to nine tricks when the defenders took two top diamonds, a diamond ruff and the heart ace.

North 10-30-20
♠ Q 8 7 5 3
♥ Q 3
♦ J 10 7 5
♣ 5 4

West
♠ J
♥ 9 6
♦ A K 8
♣ J 9 8 7 6 3 2

East
♠ 10 4 2
♥ A J 10 8 7 4
♦ 3
♣ K Q 10

South
♠ A K 9 6
♥ K 5 2
♦ Q 9 6 4 2
♣ A

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		Pass	2♥
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
??			

Opening lead: ♦ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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	5			4	6			
				5		9	3	
	8	3						9
			9	6	8			
2						1	7	
	1	4		7				
			6	9			8	
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

4	7	2	5	8	3	1	6	9
5	8	6	1	9	2	3	4	7
1	9	3	6	4	7	8	2	5
3	4	7	8	2	5	6	9	1
6	2	8	4	1	9	7	5	3
9	5	1	7	3	6	4	8	2
8	6	5	9	7	1	2	3	4
2	1	9	3	6	4	5	7	8
7	3	4	2	5	8	9	1	6

Surge in virus threatens to reverse economic rebounds

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

Mark Lennihan / AP file photo

A woman shops at a clothing store in New York on Sept. 25. The U.S. economy grew at a sizzling 33.1 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter – by far the largest quarterly gain on record – rebounding from an epic plunge in the spring, when the eruption of the coronavirus closed businesses and threw tens of millions out of work.

WASHINGTON — The resurgence of coronavirus cases engulfing the United States and Europe is imperiling economic recoveries on both sides of the Atlantic as millions of individuals and businesses face the prospect of having to hunker down once again.

Growing fear of an economic reversal coincided with a report Thursday that the U.S. economy grew at a record 33.1 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter. Even with that surge, the world's largest economy has yet to fully rebound from its plunge in spring when the virus first erupted. And now the economy is slowing just as new confirmed viral cases accelerate and rescue aid from Washington has dried up.

If many consumers and companies choose – or are forced – to retrench again in response to the virus as they did in the spring, the pullback in spending and hiring could derail economic growth. Already, in the United and Europe, some governments are re-imposing restrictions to help stem the spread of the virus.

In Chicago, where Gov. J.B. Pritzker of Illinois has banned indoor dining and drinking, Grant DePorter, who runs Harry Caray's Restaurant Group, worries that the blow to restaurants and their employees could be severe.

When indoor dining was first shut down in the spring, he noted, employees could get by thanks to a $600-a-week federal unemployment benefit. That benefit has expired.

"Everyone is incredibly disappointed by the state's decision," DePorter said.

In France, President Emmanuel Macron has declared a nationwide lockdown starting Friday. And in Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel announced a four-week shutdown of bars, restaurants and theaters. Merkel warned of a "difficult winter" as Germany's daily reported coronavirus cases hit a new high Thursday.

In Rheinberg, Germany, Michael Boehm had set up plastic igloos outside his restaurant to welcome guests during the winter. But Germany's new restrictions, Boehm said, will threaten businesses like his by forcing them to provide only take-away meals through November.

"People prefer to sit outside," he said ruefully. "We do everything possible, my colleagues do everything possible, too, to ensure that our guests come home healthy."

A major uncertainty is whether most people will abide by government directives or whether the resistance to lockdowns and other restrictions that have emerged in parts of the United States and Europe will slow progress in controlling the pandemic. President Donald Trump, facing an election in five days, has loudly denounced states and cities that have imposed restrictions on businesses to help control the pandemic. And many of his supporters have registered their agreement.

In Spain, some regions have closed bars and restaurants. But the government hasn't provided subsidies to aid the proprietors, triggering protests in Barcelona this week by business owners who banged pots, waved cocktail shakers and chanted, "We want to work!"

Death notices

Edna L. McGath, 96, of St. Joseph died Oct. 27, 2020, at her home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Supreme Court issues flurry of last-minute election orders

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — North Carolina, yes. Pennsylvania, yes. Wisconsin, no. That's how the Supreme Court has answered questions in recent days about an extended timeline for receiving and counting ballots in those states.

In each case, Democrats backed the extensions and Republicans opposed them. All three states have Democratic governors and legislatures controlled by the GOP.

At first blush, the difference in the outcomes at the Supreme Court seems odd because the high court typically takes up issues to harmonize the rules across the country. But elections are largely governed by states, and the rules differ from one state to the next.

A big asterisk: These cases are being dealt with on an emergency basis in which the court issues orders that either block or keep in place a lower-court ruling. But there is almost never an explanation of the majority's rationale, though individual justices sometimes write opinions that partially explain the matter.

There also is a difference in how the justices act based on whether they are ruling on a lawsuit that began in state or federal court.

Conservative justices who hold a majority on the Supreme Court object to what they see as intrusions by federal judges who order last-minute changes to state election rules, even in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic. The power to alter absentee ballot deadlines and other voting issues rests with state legislatures, not federal courts, according to the conservative justices.

The court also is divided, but so far has been willing to allow state courts interpreting their own state constitutions to play more of a role than their federal counterparts.

Last week, four conservative justices would have put on hold a Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling allowing three additional days to receive and count mailed ballots. Three justices in Wednesday's order about North Carolina's absentee ballots would have blocked a six-day extension.

The justices did not finally resolve the legal issues involved, but they could do so after the election. A more thorough examination could come either in a post-election challenge that could determine the presidential winner if, for example, Pennsylvania proves critical to the national outcome, or in a less tense setting that might not affect the 2020 vote, but would apply in the future.

MARKETS

Oct. 29, 2020
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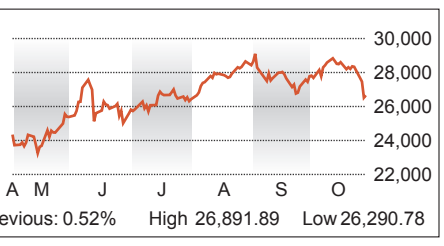

Pct. change from previous: 0.52% High 26,891.89 Low 26,290.78

Oct. 29, 2020
Nasdaq composite
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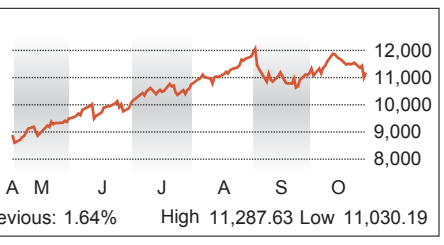

Pct. change from previous: 1.64% High 11,287.63 Low 11,030.19

Amer Elec Power AEP
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▲ **4-wk.** +9.0% ▼ **YTD** -4.2%

Whirlpool WHR
$186.38 **-2.06 -1.1%**
▲ **4-wk.** +1.7% ▲ **YTD** +26.3%

LocalStocks

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AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	26.76	+.26	+1.0	▼	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	90.54	+.22	+0.2	▼	▲	▲
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	137.98	115.32	+4.12	+3.7	▲	▼	▼
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1129.76	+.91	+0.1	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	14.85	40.08	15.26	+.36	+2.4	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	63.50	-.47	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	48.02	+.06	+0.1	▼	▼	▼
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	43.06	+1.08	+2.6	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	106.14	243.40	228.02	+4.65	+2.1	▼	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	121.54	+3.07	+2.6	▼	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	115.40	91.91	+1.33	+1.5	▼	▬	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	73.12	32.97	+1.40	+4.4	▼	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	23.10	+.66	+2.9	▼	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	33.20	+.40	+1.2	▼	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	9.58	7.90	+.20	+2.6	▼	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	7.37	-.05	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	269.63	-.09	...	▼	▼	▼
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	12.19	+.34	+2.8	▼	▲	▲
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	10.14	+.31	+3.1	▼	▲	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	194.30	168.73	-3.84	-2.2	▼	▼	▼
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	108.91	+2.26	+2.1	▼	▼	▼
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	97.17	+.63	+0.7	▼	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	137.19	-1.17	-0.8	▼	▼	▼
Lowes	LOW	60.00	180.67	160.75	-.67	-0.4	▼	▼	▼
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	231.91	214.95	+.26	+0.1	▼	▼	▼
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	204.72	+2.04	+1.0	▼	▼	▼
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	31.97	-.12	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	42.53	-.05	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	40.97	35.28	-.17	-0.5	▼	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	94.34	145.87	137.57	-.09	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
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UPS B	UPS	82.00	178.01	161.36	+5.58	+3.6	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	56.76	+.45	+0.8	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	100.42	+.66	+0.7	▼	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	151.33	139.92	-.12	-0.1	▼	▼	▬
WalgBoots	WBA	33.88	64.50	33.52	-1.07	-3.1	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.91	22.30	+.02	+0.1	▼	▼	▬
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	207.30	186.38	-2.06	-1.1	▼	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	51.70	49.44	+2.05	+4.3	▼	▲	▲
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Trump rule says health plans must disclose costs up front

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trying to pull back the veil on health care costs to encourage competition, the Trump administration on Thursday finalized a requirement for insurers to tell consumers up front the actual prices for common tests and procedures.

A major health insurance industry group said the regulation would have the opposite effect, raising premiums.

The late-innings policy play ahead of Election Day comes as President Donald Trump has been hammered on health care by Democratic challenger Joe Biden for the administration's handling of the coronavirus pandemic and its unrelenting efforts to overturn "Obamacare," the 2010 law providing coverage to more than 20 million people.

A related Trump administration price disclosure requirement applying to hospitals is facing a federal lawsuit from the industry, alleging coercion and interference with business practices.

The idea behind the new regulations on insurers is to empower patients to become better consumers of health care, thereby helping to drive down costs.

But the requirements would take effect gradually over a four-year period, and patients face a considerable learning curve to make cost-versus-quality decisions about procedures like knee replacements or hernia repairs. Add to that political uncertainty about the policy's survival if Trump doesn't get reelected, and the whole effort is running into skepticism.

Administration officials are adamant the changes will stand, arguing the goal of price transparency transcends political partisanship.

"It will be impossible to walk backwards on this," Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said. "How do you fight transparency on prices? How do you actually articulate the argument that you should conceal what something costs from the person trying to purchase it?"

Insurance companies contend that the rules will boomerang economically, by undercutting their ability to bargain with hospitals, drug companies, doctors and other industry players. Providers now accepting discounted rates will press to get paid more once they see what their upper-end competitors are getting.

"The final rule will work to reduce competition and push health care prices higher – not lower – for American families, patients, and taxpayers," Matt Eyles, president of America's Health Insurance Plans, said in a statement. "This is precisely the opposite of what Americans want in their health care."

The new rules are being issued jointly by HHS, the Labor Department and the Treasury, which share jurisdiction over health insurance plans. They would:

■ Starting in 2022, require insurers to make available data files on the costs of various procedures, allowing technology companies to design apps that let patients see costs not only under their own plan but other insurers' plans as well.

■ Starting in 2023, require insurers to make available to their policyholders cost-sharing details on 500 specific services, medical equipment and other items, as called for by the government.

■ Starting in 2024, require insurers to make cost-sharing information available on all the services and goods they cover.

Patients would use an online shopping tool from their plan to see the negotiated rate between their doctor and the insurer, as well as an out-of-pocket cost estimate for procedures, drugs, durable medical equipment and any other item or service they may need.

The information would be available ahead of time, enabling an informed decision. Currently, most patients find out what they owe after they get back from the hospital and receive their "explanation of benefits" statement.

"We need to keep pricing on the front end, not the back end," said Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. "We have seen in every single industry that when this information is provided to consumers, it creates a new era of consumerism."

Verma said administration officials have been working to foster price disclosure since 2017, soon after Trump, a Republican, came into office.

If the Trump rules withstand legal review, it's unclear to what degree patients and their families will become a force reshaping the market. Patients usually follow the recommendations of their doctors. And people pick doctors by reputation, by word of mouth or from the lists of physicians who contract with their insurers.

The issue of health care price transparency started attracting more attention under the Obama administration, as then-HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius oversaw the disclosure of list prices charged by hospitals. The Trump administration's initiative drills down more deeply to try to get at the prices actually paid by insurers.

Many policy experts believe that high prices are a major driver of the nation's chronic affordability problems with health care, which accounts for about 18 percent of the total economy, significantly burdening families, taxpayers and businesses.

"Transparency is here to stay, even in a Biden administration," said Kavita Patel, a former Obama White House health policy adviser. However, she said she believes Biden would seek to reshape the Trump rules to focus more on quality, helping patients find high-value providers and services.

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1995 – 25 years ago

A personalized brick sale launched in July 1994 to raise funds for the Coloma Township Youth Sports Park will end Nov. 1. The bricks are available for purchase by individuals, families and businesses, and range from $30 to $100. They may be ordered by calling the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 147, according to a news release.

1985 – 35 years ago

Unity Hospital has reopened a 24-hour outpatient clinic that closed when the emergency room was closed earlier this week, according to an announcement from hospital Administrator Abel Whittemore. The Family Walk-in Clinic reopened Thursday morning. Care provided at the clinic is available on a scheduled or unscheduled walk-in basis and is typical of services provided "by a physician in his or her office."

1970 – 50 years ago

A "Tepee Twirl" square dance is scheduled for Saturday at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Cass Cut-ups Square Dance Club, the dancing will begin at 8 p.m. Wayne Moyers of Hammond, Ind., is to be the caller, and Walt Ishmael of Watervliet will be in charge of rounds.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Oct. 30, the 304th day of 2020. There are 62 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 30, 2005, the body of Rosa Parks arrived at the U.S. Capitol, where the civil rights icon became the first woman to lie in honor in the Rotunda; President George W. Bush and congressional leaders paused to lay wreaths by her casket.

On this date:

In 1735 (New Style calendar), the second president of the United States, John Adams, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts.

In 1885, poet Ezra Pound was born in Hailey, Idaho.

In 1912, Vice President James S. Sherman, running for a second term of office with President William Howard Taft, died six days before Election Day. (Sherman was replaced with Nicholas Murray Butler, but Taft, the Republican candidate, ended up losing in an Electoral College landslide to Democrat Woodrow Wilson.)

In 1921, the silent film classic "The Sheik," starring Rudolph Valentino, premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb, the "Tsar Bomba," with a force estimated at about 50 megatons. The Soviet Party Congress unanimously approved a resolution ordering the removal of Josef Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb.

In 1974, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, known as the "Rumble in the Jungle," to regain his world heavyweight title.

In 1975, the New York Daily News ran the headline "Ford to City: Drop Dead" a day after President Gerald R. Ford said he would veto any proposed federal bailout of New York City.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Chance Showers	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
45°	30°	55° / 38°	42° / 31°	45° / 36°	55° / 44°

Local Outlook

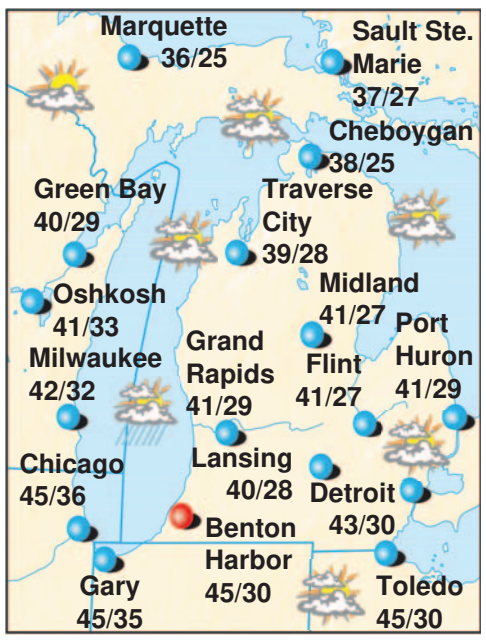
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers, high of 45°, humidity of 63%. Southwest wind 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 30°. South southwest wind 4 to 7 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 27°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:16 a.m.
Sunset	6:41 p.m.
Moonrise	6:37 p.m.
Moonset	7:07 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
10/31	11/8	11/15	11/22

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	52°
Low	40°
Normal High	58°
Normal Low	39°
Record High	78° in 1999
Record Low	29° in 2005

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.00"
Normal for month	3.08"
Year to date	30.19"
Normal Year to date	31.83"

Air Quality

Yesterday 24

Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

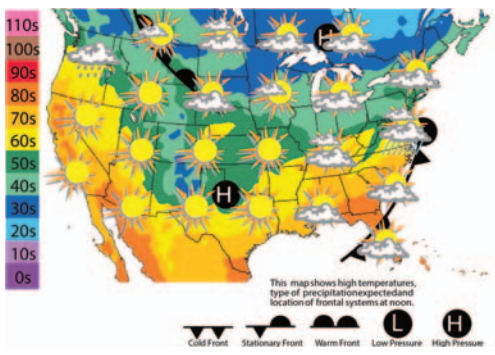
Weather Trivia

How high do thunderstorms reach?

Answer: Most reach heights of more than 20,000 feet.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Oct. 30, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NNW wind 7 to 11 kt. A slight chance of showers. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 48 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds less than 5 kt. Mostly clear. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s. West northwest wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 40s and 50s. South wind 7 to 15 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 40s. Southwest wind 7 mph. Expect sunny skies Saturday with highs in the 40s and 50s. South southeast wind 7 to 19 mph.

Wisconsin Republican Party says hackers stole $2.3 million

By SCOTT BAUER
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Hackers have stolen $2.3 million from the Wisconsin Republican Party's account that was being used to help reelect President Donald Trump in the key battleground state, the party's chairman told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The party noticed the suspicious activity on Oct. 22 and contacted the FBI on Friday, said Republican Party Chairman Andrew Hitt.

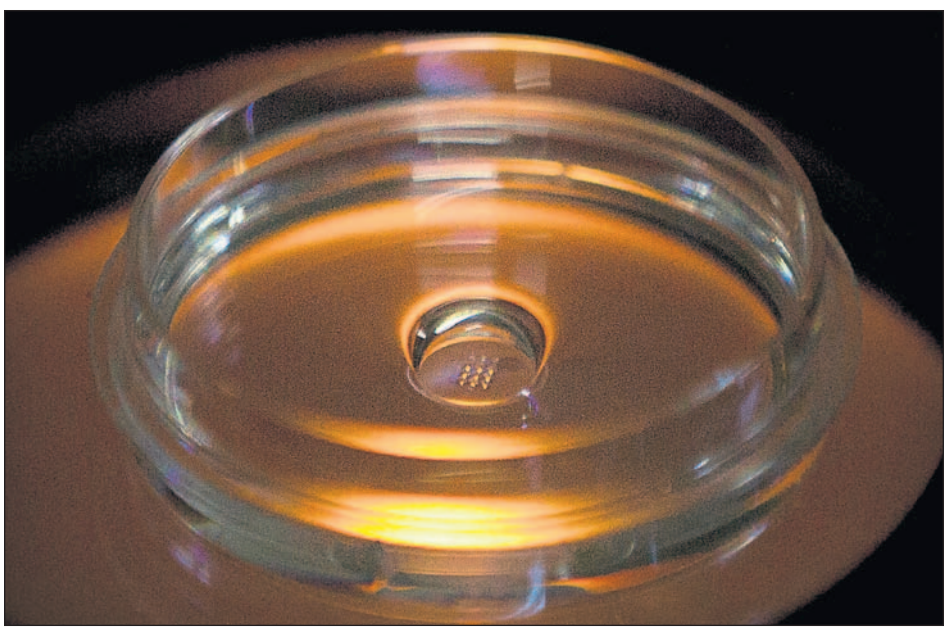
Hitt said the FBI is investigating. FBI spokesman Brett Banner said that, per policy, "the FBI is not permitted to confirm or deny an investigation." The Wisconsin Department of Justice, which has a center focused on cyber crime able to assist if requested, has not been asked to investigate, said spokeswoman Rebecca Ballweg.

The alleged hack was discovered less than two weeks before Election Day, as Trump and Democratic rival Joe Biden made their final push to win Wisconsin and its 10 electoral votes. Trump won the state by fewer than 23,000 votes in 2016 and was planning his third visit in seven days on Friday. Biden also planned to campaign in Wisconsin on Friday. Polls have consistently shown a tight race in the state, usually with Biden ahead by single digits and within the margin of error.

Hitt said he was not aware of any other state GOP being targeted for a similar hack, but state parties were warned at the Republican National Convention this summer to be on the lookout for cyber attacks.

"We have been in contact with the state party and are assisting them through this process," said Republican National Committee spokesman Michael Ahrens.

"The RNC never left Wisconsin after 2016, and we are confident that our ground game and the millions we are spending on TV and digital will deliver us another win there in 2020."



Mark Schiefelbein / AP file photo

A lab dish containing embryos that have been injected with Cas9 protein and PCSK9 sgRNA is seen in a laboratory in Shenzhen in southern China's Guangdong province on Oct. 9, 2018.

GENE

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adding the missing letter so the gene would work.

In some embryos, the editing was tried at fertilization, thought to be the best time for such attempts. Other embryos were edited when they contained two cells and were almost two days old. Cells then were analyzed at various stages of development to see how many had the mutation repaired.

Surprisingly, it didn't work in any of the cells from embryos edited at fertilization. It only worked in three of the 45 cells from embryos edited at the later stage.

In many of the rest, "what we found is that instead of the mutation being fixed, the chromosome carrying the mutation is gone" – a profound change that likely dooms the embryo, Egli said. Many other cells showed changes in other chromosomes that also could do harm.

Previous researchers who thought they had repaired a defect in embryos may have been misled into thinking they had succeeded because usual lab tests no longer detected the mutation. However, more extensive testing like what was done in this study shows that other changes could have happened, such as an entire chromosome being wiped out, Egli said.

The new work suggests that gene editing might hold promise for correcting disorders caused by an extra copy of a chromosome, such as Down syndrome. However, the danger revealed in the new study "further affirms we are not ready, not even close" to try this, Dr. Eric Topol wrote in an email.

"This takes the concerns that have already been expressed about human embryo editing to another level," added Topol, who heads the Scripps Research Translational Institute in San Diego and had no role in the new work.

In the U.S., federal funds can't be used for research on human embryos, so the Columbia researchers used private money from two foundations. Several of the scientists have ties to gene therapy or analysis companies.

LAWSUITS

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than 227,000 people in the U.S. and sickened more than 8.8 million.

The campaigns of President Donald Trump and his Democratic rival, Joe Biden, have been quietly building armies of lawyers preparing for the possibility of a drawn-out legal fight that lands at the Supreme Court.

The latest focus for Republicans in some places is on poll watchers, who are volunteers for candidates or political parties long used in elections. They monitor voting places and local election offices and make note of potential problems as a way to challenge the voting or tabulating process.

The role of poll watchers or challengers has gained increased attention this year as Trump has pushed unfounded claims about the potential for voter fraud because of an increase in mailed-in ballots. Trump has been urging his supporters to go to the polls and "watch very carefully," raising concerns about possible voter intimidation. He has also falsely stated that poll watchers were "thrown out" of a polling site in Philadelphia, where he has claimed without evidence that "bad things" are happening.

In Nevada, Trump's campaign and state Republicans went to court to try to stop the counting of Las Vegas-area mail-in ballots. Republicans say observers aren't allowed close enough to workers and machines at the busy vote-counting center in suburban Las Vegas to challenge signatures in the state's biggest and most Democratic-leaning county.

Jesse Binnall, an attorney for the Republican Party and Trump campaign, told a judge Wednesday that the counting process observed in Las Vegas prevents what he called a "meaningful opportunity" to challenge the validity of mailed ballots.

"People who vote in person can have their ballot challenged," Binnall said. "People who vote by mail cannot."

Nevada Democrats have called the lawsuit a "plain and simple" effort to suppress votes in the state's most diverse county.

"Clark County is a blue county," Gregory Zunino, deputy Nevada state solicitor general, told the judge. "They quite frankly would like to exclude as many ballots or signatures in Clark County as they can."

Nevada Republicans and the Trump campaign filed another lawsuit this week demanding the county's registrar turn over names of Democrats, Republicans and nonpartisan ballot workers, election monitors and poll watchers along with details about their work instructions and shifts.

In Michigan, a candidate for the state House of Representatives sued this week, alleging coronavirus social distancing rules are preventing poll watchers from properly overseeing the election process. The lawsuit was quickly resolved with an agreement that poll watchers can look at election books and approach poll workers when necessary.

Meanwhile, New Mexico's highest court this week rejected a lawsuit brought by the state Republican Party alleging partisan poll challengers have been unfairly denied oversight of the initial ballot verification process. The lawsuit from Republicans including several state legislators and county clerks alleged partisan challengers are being shut out of the initial verification process unnecessarily, based on privacy regulations.

In Philadelphia, Trump's campaign filed a lawsuit this month demanding its campaign representatives be allowed to monitor people registering to vote or filling out mail-in ballots in election offices in the battleground state. A judge ruled Pennsylvania law doesn't allow such representatives to observe in election offices, and that decision was upheld by an appeals court.

Other lawsuits across the country involve when to stop counting mail-in ballots if received after Tuesday, bans on curbside voting in the pandemic, issues over drop boxes for voters and enforcing strict witness requirements.

A judge recently overturned a ban in Michigan that prevented open-carry guns at the polls. And new lawsuits keep cropping up: A man in Maryland has sued the board of elections in Harford County following his arrest last week as he tried to vote without a face mask.

Pennsylvania officials have ordered ballots received after Tuesday to be segregated after a challenge pending before the Supreme Court on whether ballots can be counted after Election Day. The court on Wednesday turned away Republicans' plea to cut the deadline for receipt of absentee ballots in North Carolina, which means they can be received up until Nov. 12.

The lawsuits are adding to the confusion and uncertainty around the vote. And experts say legal challenges claiming the process was flawed will undoubtedly keep streaming in in the days after the election. But to have any chance of success, they'll have to show evidence of real legal violations.

MOVING

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building connected to the public utility system.

Fuchs said the developer and Meijer worked together to add the needed infrastructure that led to replacing a sewer pipe located upstream from one of the township's lift station. That work is ongoing.

The store is expected to produce a slight increase in traffic for the existing drive into Meijer.

According to the building's site plan, entrances on the north and south side of the property and proposed parking is expected to alleviate the traffic increase.

Farewell to downtown

Nichols said they will close the St. Joseph location as soon as the paint store is able to open in Benton Township.

"We've already started to set up new shelving and fixtures," Nichols said. "With the old location, we will pick a day in the next couple weeks to have all of the inventory moved over and we pull our point of sale, move it and plug it in and we're ready to sell. It's a long process that ends in an extremely quick manner."

The moves leaves a vacancy in downtown St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Today Executive Director Amy Zapal said it will be interesting to see what ends up taking the large retail space.

"We're looking forward to someone coming in," she said. "There is certainly interest in it. Hopefully, that spot will bring in more interest and something new and different."

Nichols said it is bittersweet to leave a location that the paint store has been at for nearly three decades.

"It's a great spot in downtown St. Joe, but at the same time that will be served better with something that is more along the lines of the beach community," he said.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Local teams in strong Division 5 football district

South Haven to face Dowagiac; Benton Harbor gets rematch with Kal. United

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Local teams will face tough challenges in the Division 5 district football playoffs.

South Haven (4-2) is at former Wolverine Conference rival Dowagiac (3-3). Benton Harbor (2-4) is at Kalamazoo United, who defeated the Tigers 42-12 in the first game of the season. And Berrien Springs (3-3) has to travel to face defending Division 5 state champion Lansing Catholic (4-2). In the other opening-round game, Olivet (5-1) hosts Hillsdale.

South Haven is having its best season in years. The Rams hadn't won a game since 2016, but have four wins this season, including three in a row entering the playoffs.

"We kind of had to learn how to win a little bit," South Haven coach Mark Eddy said. "Luckily they've been coachable and hard-working, and we've been able to get a little better each week.

"It's pretty exciting. The kids have been pretty fired up. They had a great season."

South Haven has relied on a pair of running backs, senior Trevor Winkel and junior Trent Till. Both also play linebacker. Senior quarterback Kaleb Bodfish is also an important leader.

Dowagiac defeated South Haven 36-0 last season. It was Eddy's first year leading the Rams, and their last in the Wolverine before moving to the Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference this year.

"Dowagiac has a great football tradition," Eddy. "Those kids always play hard, they're always tough.

"(Last season) they just whooped on us. We're trying to use that as a little bit of a motivating factor."

The two teams have one common opponent, Niles. Dowagiac beat the Vikings 20-0, and South Haven won 34-20.

Benton Harbor's loss to United came in coach Jinks Arnold's debut, after an unusual offseason due to COVID-19. The Tigers were able to score early before falling apart late.

"The big thing for us was turnovers," Arnold said. "They capitalized on turnovers."

Quarterback Will Zuiderveen and wide receiver Kyle Hoogenboom led the United offense in the first meeting.

"If we can stop those two guys, we've got a pretty good chance of winning the game," Arnold said. "If not, we're going to be in trouble."

Benton Harbor also has weapons in the passing game. Quarterback Tyler Meeks will look to receivers Kentrell Pullian and Chris Moore. All three are seniors.

Though the Tigers are the only team in the district with a losing record, they played a difficult schedule. In addition to United, their other losses included unbeaten Muskegon Catholic Central, defending Division 3 state champion River Rouge, and Battle Creek Harper Creek.

"Our schedule's one of the tougher schedules to play," Arnold said. "I think we're ready."

Berrien Springs has

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White Sox reunite with La Russa, hire Hall of Fame manager

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Tony La Russa didn't envision returning to the dugout when he stood at the podium in Cooperstown six years ago and took his place alongside baseball's greats.

LA RUSSA

That started to change the past few seasons. And he simply couldn't resist the opportunity the Chicago White Sox gave him.

La Russa, the Hall of Famer who won a World Series with the Oakland Athletics and two more with the St. Louis Cardinals, is returning to manage the White Sox 34 years after they fired him.

The 76-year-old La Russa rejoins the franchise where his big-league managing career began more than four decades ago. He takes over for Rick Renteria after what the White Sox insisted was a mutual agreement to split.

"How rare it is to get an opportunity to manage a team that's this talented and this close to winning," La Russa said. "Most of the time your chances are the opposite. The combination of looking forward to

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La Russa's wisdom and passion overshadow his age

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The president of the United States is in his 70s.

Of course, the Chicago White Sox's managerial position isn't as important as the leader of this country. Well, at least to those outside of Guaranteed Rate Field.

Which brings us to Tony La Russa, the 76-year-old baseball lifer who will try to lead the Sox to the World Series despite not having managed since 2011.

Despite his curious retirement from the St. Louis Cardinals that capped a Hall of Fame career, La Russa's competitiveness never deserted him. That should serve the Sox well – they have the opportunity to maximize top-notch talent and an edge in the dugout for the first time since Ozzie Guillen led them to their last World Series title 15 years ago.

The mutual man crush between La Russa and Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf spans four decades –

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Aaron Lavinsky / Star Tribune

Michigan running back Hassan Haskins (25) runs for a touchdown in the first half of Saturday's game at Minnesota.

A quieter rivalry outing

No. 13 Michigan hosts Michigan State in fan-free Big House

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR — Toward the end of his video conference with reporters this week, Mel Tucker was asked point blank if he was intentionally avoiding using his next opponent's name.

"I don't think there's any question from anyone who we're playing this week," Tucker said. "It's the school down the road. I think we all know who that is."

That would be 13th-ranked Michigan – although Tucker, the new Michigan State coach, went with "school down the road" or "school up the road" at times. As rivalry trolling goes, this was fairly tame, and after a season-opening loss to Rutgers last weekend, the Spartans may want to show more on the field before they start slinging any real insults at future opponents.

Indeed, this year's version of Michigan State vs. Michigan feels a little more subdued – and not just because it's being played in the second week of a truncated season in a fan-free environment Saturday at the Big House. There's also the fact that the Spartans are reeling. Even before the loss to Rutgers, this figured to a tough season after coach Mark Dantonio's retirement.

Dantonio had plenty of success against Michigan – and there was plenty of hostility between the programs over the course of his tenure – but the Wolverines have won three of the last four meetings, including a 44-10 rout in Ann Arbor last season that kept the Paul Bunyan Trophy with Michigan.

Michigan State needs to show it can be competitive for this rivalry to return to where it was for most of the past 15 years, but no matter who is coach, motivation should be no issue for the Spartans.

"I've been very fortunate as a player, very fortunate as a coach to be a part of these rivalry games, whether it's Auburn-Alabama or Georgia-Florida, Ohio State-Michigan, Michigan-Michigan State, Chicago-Green Bay, Cleveland-Pittsburgh," Tucker said, using Michigan's actual name that time. "In all of those rivalry games, we've embraced those games, and treated them special."

It'll be special from the other side too.

"It's state championship week. The way I view this game, it's like you're in high school and you're playing your No. 1 rivalry," Michigan receiver Mike Sainristil said. "We've got to keep the trophy here. You never want someone to come into your home and take what's yours."

Empty house

Michigan has a streak dating to 1975 of games at Michigan Stadium with crowds of at least 100,000. That will not be extended this weekend, and it will certainly be unusual to see this iconic venue so empty for the Wolverines' home opener.

"It's different, but it's still a game," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said. "The red blood is pumping, and it'll be really pumping for both sides in this game. No question about that."

Michigan State linebacker Antjuan Simmons suggested that the passion both teams bring to this rivalry might be even more obvious without the crowd.

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Matt Freed

Notre Dame tight end Michael Mayer pulls in a ball for a touchdown against Pitt defensive back Paris Ford in the second half of Saturday's game.

No. 4 Notre Dame looks to avoid slip-up against Georgia Tech

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — With one of the biggest games of the year looming, it's hard not to look ahead.

No. 4 Notre Dame can't afford a slip-up.

The Fighting Irish (5-0, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) must get by Georgia Tech – a 20-point underdog – on Saturday before turning their full attention to a Nov. 7 showdown against top-ranked Clemson.

"We know how good we can be on this team and we need to play that way regardless of who we are playing," safety Isaiah Pryor said. "We shouldn't play down to the level of our opponents."

Coach Brian Kelly has preached to his players that they must use these sort of games to address their weaknesses before facing a team of Clemson's caliber. They heeded the message last week, routing Pittsburgh 45-3.

"That was implicit in that conversation without having to say, 'Hey, guys, in a couple of weeks, we have to play Clemson – wink, wink, wink,'" Kelly said.

Clemson has won five straight ACC titles in a dominating run that also includes two national championships. Notre Dame would love nothing more than to upend that streak in what is expected to be its lone season as a full-fledged conference member.

Quarterback Ian Book

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showed improvement in recent weeks, scoring over 40 points in each of its final two games. Quarterback Marshall McFarland and running back Jamal Hailey have helped the offense get going on the ground.

"There's very good teams in (our district)," Berrien Springs coach Elliot Uzelac said after Friday's 41-0 win over Cassopolis. "For us to compete in the playoffs, we've got to get a lot better, and we've got one week to do that. We've got to really work hard to get that done."

Division 7

Hartford (0-6) has a tough test against Lawton (5-1). The Blue Devils are seeded second in the district, and their only loss came against top-seeded Schoolcraft.

Hartford and Lawton are former Southwestern Athletic Conference rivals, with Lawton holding an 8-6 advantage in the series during that time.

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RIVALRY

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"It's going to be easier to tell – you're not going to have fans there," Simmons said. "It's just going to be us and them. The momentum's going to swing back and forth, it's a rivalry game so big hits are going to happen. Trash talk's going to be there."

Quarterback comparison

Both teams had to replace experienced quarterbacks in Shea Patterson and Brian Lewerke. Joe Milton started for Michigan last weekend and was solid in a season-opening 49-24 victory over Minnesota.

Rocky Lombardi threw for 319 yards for Michigan State, but he was intercepted twice and lost a fumble as his team turned the ball over seven times.

Streaks

Michigan has a chance to win three in a row in this series for the first time since a six-game streak from 2002-07.

Since then, Michigan State has had a four-game run from 2008-11 and a three-gamer from 2013-15.

Running the ball

The team with the most yards rushing has won 45 of the past 50 games in the series, although a couple exceptions to that trend came recently in 2015 and 2016.

Series debut

Only one Michigan State coach has beaten Michigan in his first attempt.

That was Nick Saban, who led the Spartans to a 28-25 victory over the Wolverines on Nov. 4, 1995.

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acknowledged that Clemson "has been circled on the list for a while and is an extremely important game. The guys are excited for it. That's why you come to Notre Dame – to play in huge games like that."

But first up, it's Georgia Tech.

The Yellow Jackets (2-4, 2-3) are in the midst of a massive rebuilding job under second-year coach Geoff Collins and simply hoping to be competitive as they face a top-five school for the second time in three weeks.

The first such game was total humiliation

Clemson routed the Yellow Jackets 73-7 – the most points allowed by the Atlanta school since 1894.

"There's always things that motivate you one way or another," Georgia Tech offensive lineman Ryan Johnson said. "But we've got to focus on this week. We've got to move on. You want to learn from the past, but focus on the present to prepare for the future."

Collins insisted the future is bright for Georgia Tech, even though he's won just five of his first 18 games since taking over from Paul Johnson.

"A lot of people just look at results," he said. "They don't want to look at the steps in the journey. Every single day, we're building something that's very, very special."

Some other things to watch for when Georgia Tech hosts Notre Dame:

Time is on their side

Notre Dame held the ball for 40:59 in its victory over Pittsburgh, the largest time of possession edge for an ACC team this season.

The Irish ran out the last 7:52 with a 14-play, 32-yard drive, mimicking a 14-play, 57-yard possession that finished off the remaining 7:55 of a 12-7 victory over Louisville the previous week.

Notre Dame is averaging 34:11 in time of possession, which leads the ACC and ranks seventh nationally. It could be more of the same against Georgia Tech, which last week surrendered 264 yards rushing to Boston College – a team that had not gained more than 90 yards in a game until it faced the Yellow Jackets.

Hold on to the ball

Georgia Tech must avoid turnovers to have any chance against the Fighting Irish.

The Yellow Jackets already have 18 turnovers – just two less than their total in 2019. They had three in the 48-27 loss to Boston College, all of which led to touchdowns that essentially accounted for the final margin.

Freshman quarterback Jeff Sims fumbled a snap and threw an interception deep in his own territory, while a fumble by running back Jordan Mason was returned for a TD.

Getting defensive

Junior linebacker Bo Bauer, who had the first of Notre Dame's three interceptions against Pittsburgh, likes the direction of the defense under coordinator Clark Lea.

Bauer has been splitting time with senior starter Drew White as Lea and his assistants have built depth by using as many as 30 players on the defensive side.

"We're adapting with new people in different roles," Bauer said. "We've had a lot of new players this year. It's been fun to see a lot of new people, young people, step up and do a good job."

Learning on the job

Sims has shown plenty of promise in his first season as Georgia Tech's quarterback, but he's still got so much to learn.

The Yellow Jackets are prepared to give him the time.

Even though the freshman has already tossed 10 interceptions – and was replaced in the third quarter against Boston College by former starter James Graham – Georgia Tech has no plans to make a change.

"There is no question that Jeff Sims is our starting quarterback," offensive coordinator Dave Patenaude said. "He will be our starting quarterback on Saturday."

Book it

At the other end of the experience scale is Book, who's 25-3 as Notre Dame's starting QB. The grad student is coming off the seventh 300-yard passing game of his career, which moved him into a tie for third on the school's career list with current offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Tommy Rees.

Only Brady Quinn (11) and Jimmy Clausen (10) have more 300-yard passing games for the Fighting Irish.

LA RUSSA

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getting back down there and ... the White Sox making the call with a chance to win sooner rather than later, I'm excited that they made that choice and looking forward to what's ahead."

La Russa inherits a team loaded with young stars and productive veterans that reached the postseason for the first time since 2008, only to sputter down the stretch and get knocked out in the wild-card round. The White Sox have never made back-to-back playoff appearances. But after ending a string of seven losing seasons, they are in position to change that.

La Russa becomes the oldest manager in the major leagues by five years. Houston's Dusty Baker is 71.

La Russa, who started his managing career with the White Sox during the 1979 season, is returning to the dugout for the first time since 2011, when he led St. Louis past Texas in the World Series. He also won championships with Oakland in 1989 and the Cardinals in 2006.

La Russa is 2,728-2,365 with six pennants over 33 seasons with Chicago, Oakland and St. Louis. He was enshrined in Cooperstown in 2014. Only Hall of Famers Connie Mack (3,731) and John McGraw (2,763) have more victories. He and Sparky Anderson are the only managers to win the World Series in the American and National leagues.

LaRussa got his first major league managing job at age 34 when the White Sox promoted him from Triple-A to replace the fired Don Kessinger. He took over that August and led them to a 522-510 record over parts of eight seasons.

The 1983 team won 99 games on the way to the AL West championship – Chicago's first playoff appearance since the 1959 Go-Go White Sox won the pennant. But he was fired in 1986 by then-general manager Ken Harrelson after the White Sox got off to a 26-38 start.

Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf has long regretted allowing that move and remains close with La Russa. Now, they're reuniting.

"His hiring is not based on friendship or on what happened years ago, but on the fact that we have the opportunity to have one of the greatest managers in the game's history in our dugout at a time when we believe our team is poised for great accomplishments," Reinsdorf said in a statement.

The move is a surprise considering how long it's been since La Russa was in the dugout. General manager Rick Hahn had said the White Sox were looking for someone who has "experience with a championship organization in recent years."

Former Houston manager AJ Hinch and ex-Boston skipper Alex Cora fit that description. Both were suspended by Major League Baseball for the 2020 season for their roles in the Astros' sign stealing scandal, and both lost their manager jobs. Their punishments ended this week.

Hahn insisted it was a consensus decision between him, Reinsdorf and executive vice president Ken Williams to go with La Russa.

La Russa said his views on athletes kneeling during the national anthem to protest social injustice have evolved. He criticized then-San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick in several interviews in 2016, questioning his sincerity and accusing him of disrespecting the flag.

The White Sox had several players kneel this past season, including Anderson and stars José Abreu and Lucas Giolito.

"I know in 2016, when the first issue occurred, my initial instincts were all about respecting the flag and the anthem and what America stands for," La Russa said. "There's been a lot that goes on in a very healthy way since 2016. Not only do I respect, but I applaud, the awareness that's come into not just society but especially in sports."

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

STRIKER'S BOWL

WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS (10/21) – Women: Karyn Fricke 545 (202), Nancy Pinkerton 444, Carol Bickers 437. Men: Ben Brose 690 (237), Ken Conrad 643 (224), Russ Jones 634 (238), Jasen Stoll 620 (213), Wayne Johnson 602 (243). Team: Gutter Minds 2421 (831), Domaine Berrien Cellears 2061 (712).

WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS (10/28) – Women: Karyn Fricke 592 (208), Nancy Pinkerton 406, Carol Bickers 388. Men: Ken Conrad 700 (248), Wayne Johnson 694 (245), Ben Brose 662 (247), Eric Monville 626 (237), Jason Stoll 601 (210). Team: Gutter Minds 2315 (784), High Chargers 2045 (750).

WILDLIFE SENIORS – Men: Randy Newboles 668 (258), Dan Symonds 667 (255), Ken Conrad 606, Gene Straitiff 605, Dave McNeil 586. Women: Jody Smith 530, Connie Koth 509.

THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES – Alanna Swetay 575 (206), Starla Swetay 549 (200), Sandy Villwock 503, Pam Head 506. Team: Swetay/Swetay 1124 (405).

WED. 6:30 PM MIXED – Milton McGee 682 (279), Nathan Doroh 669, Jeff Wagner 662, Michael Hendrixson 656, Mark Pullins 656, Michele Briney 572 (237), Amber Fleisher 536. Team: Pocket Pounders 2398 (830).

MILLER LITE SUNDAY MIX – Men: Mark Pullins 693 (255), Justin Wade 684, Mike Himes 591, Doug Workinger 568, Terry Litaker 564. Women: Terry Dumas 618 (216), Kelsey Zuhl 465.

FRIDAY NITE MIXED – Thomas LoPresti 716 (279), Richard Kelemen 647 (258), Mike Himes 631 (232), Nate Schuman 628 (233), Kristine Mahler 537 (183). Team: 4 Dwarfs 2279 (779), Regulators 2255 (754), Strokers 2220 (782).

WED. MORNING MIXED (10-21) – Women: Sonya Jackson 439, Kim Keith 433. Men: Justin Wade 684 (267), Jeremy Jackson 617, Dave Daughtry 597 (247). Team: We Don't Care 2341 (834).

WED. MORNING MIXED (10-28) – Men: Scott Harrison 689 (258), Allen Jones 671 (259), Ezell Tillman 659. Women: Losha Price 506 (193), Sonya Jackson 477. Team: Dogg Pound 2230, U Got Tapped (802).

WED. MORN FUN (10/28) – Heather Garrison 509 (212), Mary Kelley 444, Sharon Geisler 426, Faye Higgins 410. Team: Puppy Love 1293 (466).

WED. MORN FUN (10/21) – Amber Fleisher 523, Mary Kelley 467, Vi Stark 426, Sharon Geisler 423. Team: Puppy Love 1206 (420).

EMIL SCHRAMM MEMORIAL (10/20) – Bill Froberg 732 (279), Chris Milligan 725 (289), David Lange 730 (278), Nathan Doroh 707 (279), Seth Timmons 692, DaeDae Coleman 683, Mark Pullins 677, Brian Ward 674, Jon Utter 668 (257), Zach Schuman 667. Team: Maximum Mold 3150 (1133), Tom's Tavern 3067.

EMIL SCHRAMM MEMORIAL (10/27) – Dave Lange 799 (278), Aarin Zelmer 747 (257), Matt Hendrixson 716 (269), Bill Froberg 715 (276), Jarred Metz 713 (256), Mike Milnickel 705 (258), Dave Matheny 694 (258), Erik Ender 685, Pat Buetter 682 (254), Bill Hendrixson 681 (264), Dennis Davis Sr. 681. Team: B&L Rental 3306 (1156), Sandbar 3166.

LAKESHORE LASSIES – Nicki Brose 712 (279), Tricia Morris 678 (238), Karyn Fricke 642 (257), Gina Gitchell 565 (215), Robin Thompson 554 (205), Heather Garrison 539 (232), Brandy Antonowitsch 532, Sheryl Dickenson 523, Mary Briggeman 507 (203). Team: Livingston-Brose 1182 (440).

STARLIGHTERS – Men: Tom Wise 596 (244), Jeremy Gitchell 584 (202), Ron Fredricks 554 (213). Women: Gina Gitchell 492, Suzy Guzicki 447.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday's results

BRONSON QUAD

Match scores – Mendon d. Niles 25-20, 25-22, 17-25, 25-17; Niles d. Bronson 25-16, 17-25, 26-24, 25-20.

Niles – Marika Ruppart 20 kills, 4 blocks; Lexi Krueger 15 kills, 1 block, 7 digs; Amara Palmer 13 kills, 4 blocks, 9 digs; Jillian Bruckner 11 kills, 2 aces, 9 blocks; Laura Golubski 9 kills, 2 aces, 1 block, 22 digs; Emma Beckman 2 kills, 2 blocks, 21 digs, 59 assists; Amelia Florkowski 3 aces, 14 digs; Sydney Schiele 5 aces, 5 digs; Cadence Knight 20 digs; Bailey Bickel 10 digs.

Records – Niles 21-14.

DOWAGIAC QUAD

Match scores – Coloma d. Dowagiac 26-24, 25-21; Dowagiac d. Marcellus 25-18, 25-11; Bridgman d. Dowagiac 25-8, 25-15.

Dowagiac – Riley Stack 1 assist, 10 kills, 3 aces, 12 digs; Caleigh Wimberly 10 kills, 1 ace, 25 digs, 1 block; Alivia Murray 9 digs; Emma Allen 1 assist, 6 kills, 2 digs, 2 blocks; Anna Dobberstein 7 aces, 13 digs; Halie Saylor 1 ace, 15 digs; Sarah Allen 1 dig; Jessie Hulett 25 assists, 6 aces, 15 digs; Abbey Dobberstein 7 kills, 3 aces, 6 digs; Alanah Smith 4 kills, 3 digs.

Record – Dowagiac 12-14.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	174	178
Miami	3	3	0	.500	160	113
New England	2	4	0	.333	115	143
N.Y. Jets	0	7	0	.000	85	203

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	1	0	.833	188	153
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.666	157	115
Houston	1	6	0	.142	166	217
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.142	154	220

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	0	0	1.000	183	118
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	179	104
Cleveland	5	2	0	.714	200	221
Cincinnati	1	5	1	.214	163	194

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	1	0	.857	218	143
Las Vegas	3	3	0	.500	171	197
Denver	2	4	0	.333	116	153
L.A. Chargers	2	4	0	.333	149	154

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Phila.	2	4	1	.357	163	196
Dallas	2	5	0	.285	176	243
Washington	2	5	0	.285	133	165
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.142	122	174

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	5	2	0	.714	222	142
New Orleans	4	2	0	.666	180	174
Carolina	3	4	0	.428	162	168
Atlanta	1	6	0	.142	184	207

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	197	159
Chicago	5	2	0	.714	138	140
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	156	165
Minnesota	1	5	0	.166	155	192

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	1	0	.833	203	172
Arizona	5	2	0	.714	203	146
L.A. Rams	5	2	0	.714	176	124
San Francisco	4	3	0	.571	181	136

Thursday's Game

Atlanta at Carolina

Sunday's Games

Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Miami, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Phila., 8:20 p.m.
Open: Houston, Jacksonville, Arizona, Washington

Monday's Game

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 8:15 p.m.

No. 1 Clemson loses Lawrence to positive COVID-19 test

By PETE IACOBELLI
Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — No. 1 Clemson already faced a challenge because of a rash of injuries. Now, the Tigers will have to play without star quarterback Trevor Lawrence after he tested positive for COVID-19.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said in a statement released by the school Thursday night that Lawrence is in isolation with mild symptoms. Swinney said Lawrence would miss Clemson's game Saturday against Boston College. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for a minimum of 10 days.

The junior from Georgia is a leading contender for the Heisman Trophy and potentially the top overall pick in next year's NFL draft. He led the Tigers to a national championship as a freshman and back to the College Football playoff championship game last season. Clemson's loss to LSU in the title game was the first – and still only – game the Tigers have lost in Lawrence's 32 career starts.

The Tigers also could be without three starters on defense, including second-leading tackler in fifth-year senior James Skalski. He is expected to miss several games with a groin injury.

Also starting defensive tackles in Tyler Davis and Jordan Williams could be out when Clemson (6-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) looks for its 28th straight win over a league opponent against Boston College (4-2, 3-2) on Saturday.

"It's that time of year when you get some guys banged up and you have to dig in a little bit," Swinney said. "We have got some guys that have to step up."

Swinney saw that happen last week with Skalski, Davis and Williams sidelined due to injuries in a 47-21 victory over Syracuse. The Orange had just 58 plays and were held to 175 passing yards.

Those results need to continue while players are out, Swinney said. The coach did acknowledge the difficulty in losing Skalski, who typically sets the tone for the Tigers.

"Great football player, I hate that for him," Swinney said. He anticipates Skalski playing again this season, but does not know how long it will take to recover.

The Tigers do expect to have starter Derion Kendrick back at cornerback after missing the Syracuse game.

Boston College coach Jeff Hafley, a former co-defensive coordinator at Ohio State, thinks the Eagles will see a fast, hard-hitting Clemson defense – no matter who starts the game.

GONZALES

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La Russa's first managerial stint was with the Sox from 1979-86 – and the two have a chance to complete baseball's ultimate goal together.

With 2,728 career victories, six league championships and three Series titles, La Russa has nothing to prove. But La Russa wouldn't be all-in unless he felt he still had the energy and intelligence to manage a bona fide contender to the promised land. Since his name surfaced shortly after the Sox and Rick Renteria mutually parted ways Oct. 12, La Russa has researched the possibility of returning to the dugout with several of his associates, according to sources.

The opportunity for a run to the World Series won't be much better for the Sox than it is now, and La Russa realizes there's no time to waste. He led the Cardinals to within one win of the World Series in his first year in St. Louis in 1996, and he wore jersey No. 10 to reflect the franchise's drive toward a 10th championship as well as to honor fellow Hall of Fame manager Sparky Anderson.

Anderson is one of a select few managers from whom La Russa learned, although that was supplemented by his interest in statistics well before the sabermetrics craze.

Any worries about La Russa's ability to communicate with the Sox's young stars, particularly their Latin players, should be quelled immediately. La Russa speaks fluent Spanish. More important, he talks baseball through his strategy and words as well as anyone.

Harold Baines, one of the most storied hitters in Sox history, knew he would have comfortable at-bats early in his career because opposing teams faced retaliation if they threw at him with La Russa as the manager.

That should bode well for sluggers Eloy Jimenez and Jose Abreu, whom the Cubs' John Lackey hit twice with pitches in a 2017 game before a warning was issued.

At the same time, La Russa won't coddle his players, instead doing what's ultimately in the best interest of the team. He did that in his first game as manager of the Sox, changing his lineup after learning the Toronto Blue Jays switched starting pitchers.

In his first season with the Cardinals in 1996, he moved shortstop Ozzie Smith into a backup role, which angered the future Hall of Famer. The Cardinals still advanced to the National League Championship Series.

One former coach marveled at the manner in which La Russa deftly conducted team meetings. One "gathering" was through a pre- or postgame media session. Another, according to a former player, consisted of a team dinner, at which the manager picked up the tab but had the last word after players expressed any issues.

The last nine seasons have allowed La Russa to absorb more facets of the game, from his two seasons as a special assistant in Commissioner Bud Selig's office to chief baseball officer with the Arizona Diamondbacks to special assistant with the Boston Red Sox and Los Angeles Angels.

One unusual move that paid off was La Russa advocating for David Peralta, who made the jump from Double-A to the majors with the Diamondbacks in 2014 after failing as a minor league pitcher and transitioning to the outfield in an independent league. Peralta developed into one of the Diamondbacks' steadiest players.

La Russa's age, particularly in the COVID-19 era, will raise concern. But the Houston Astros' Dusty Baker, 71, and the Angels' Joe Maddon, 66, navigated their respective seasons by taking the necessary precautions.

This hiring understandably will be perceived as a daring move, but La Russa has thrived on challenges. He resurrected Dennis Eckersley's career by converting him into a one-inning closer in 1987, and that paved the pitcher's way to Cooperstown. In Game 1 of the 2006 World Series, La Russa started Anthony Reyes, who went 5-8 with a 5.06 ERA in 17 starts during the regular season but pitched eight innings of two-run, four-hit ball to beat Justin Verlander.

The Sox have a singular mission of winning a World Series, and La Russa has ample passion and wisdom to fulfill that goal.

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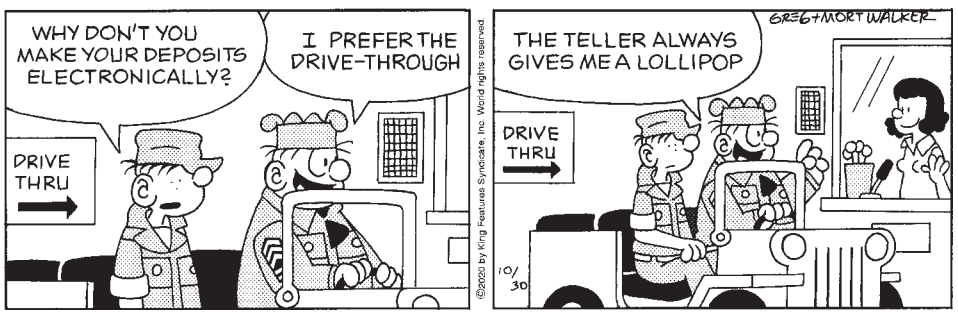
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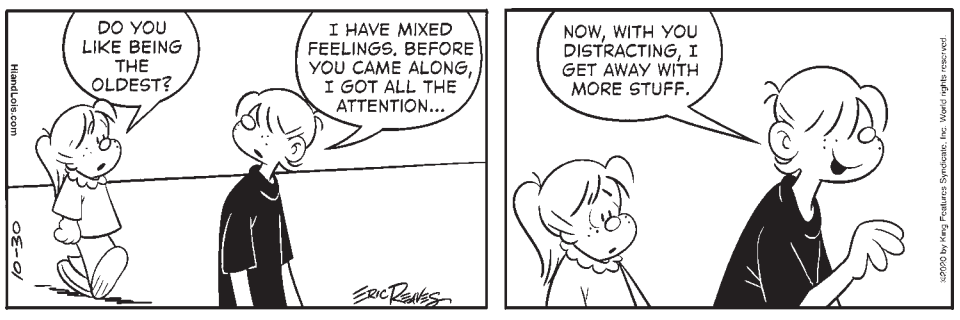
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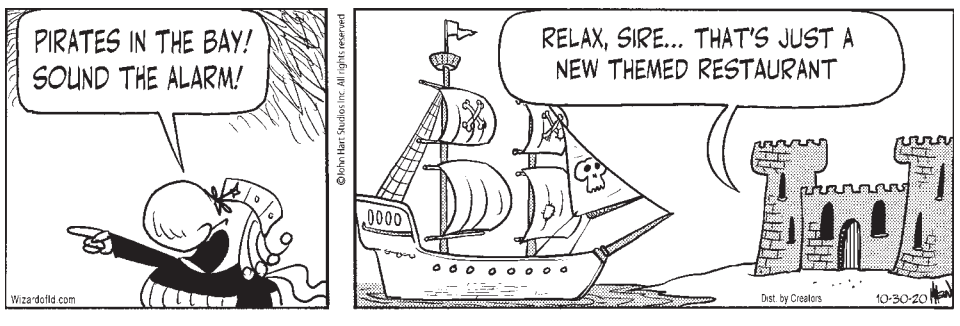
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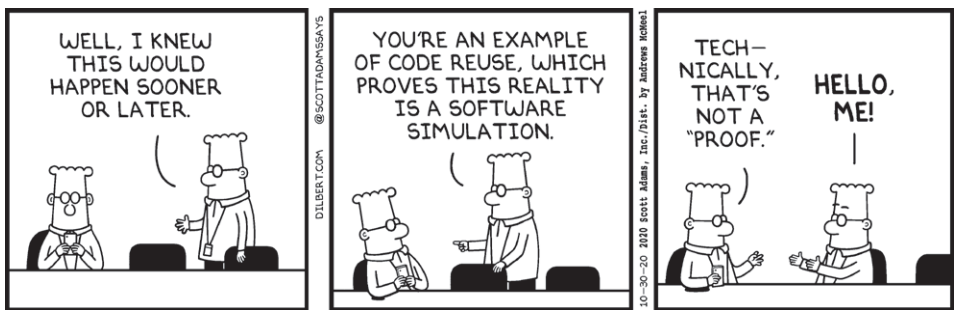
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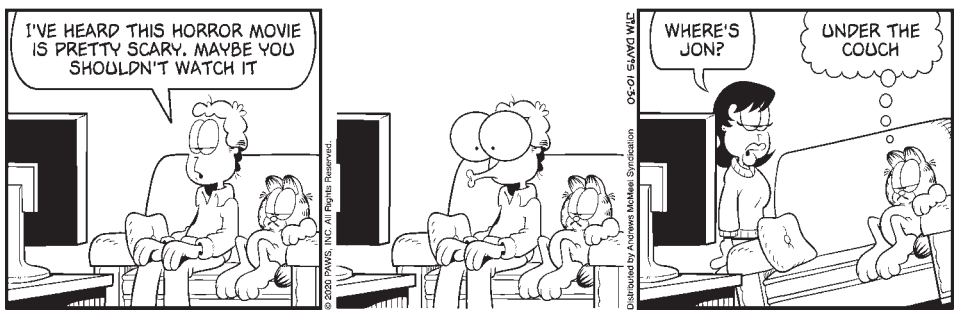
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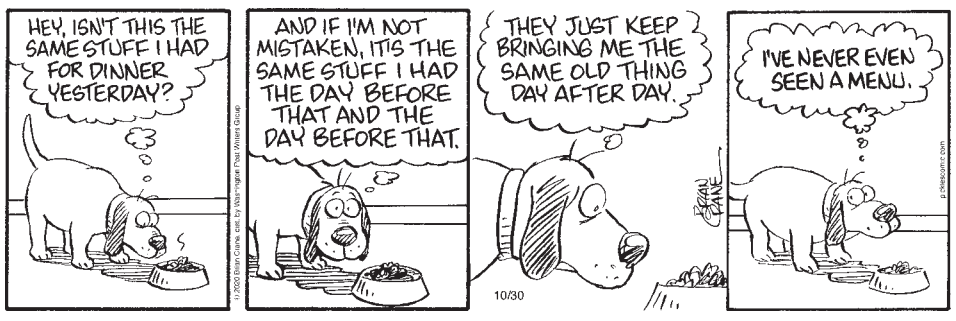
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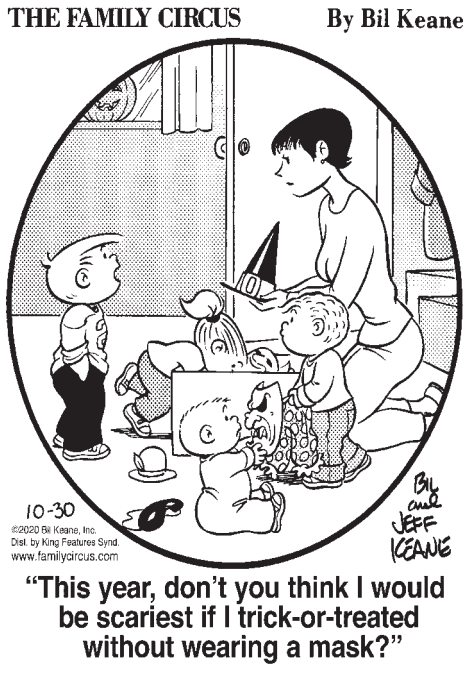
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"This year, don't you think I would be scariest if I trick-or-treated without wearing a mask?"

BABY BLUES

DAD, ARE WE GOING TRICK-OR-TREATING TOMORROW OR NOT?
LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE STORY ABOUT ADVERSITY...
NOT.
AW, MAN!!!
HILBURN & SCOTT
babyblues.com

CURTIS

UM, I DON'T THINK THE HEADLESS CREATURE IN MILLER'S JUNKYARD EXISTS!
YOU SOUND LIKE THAT KID IN THE COMICS WHO YAMMERED ON AND ON ABOUT THE "GREAT PUMPKIN"!
I'LL BET HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS DIDN'T SAY IT DIDN'T EXIST!!
ACTUALLY, THEY DID... ALL THE TIME...
10-30
BUNKLEY

ZITS

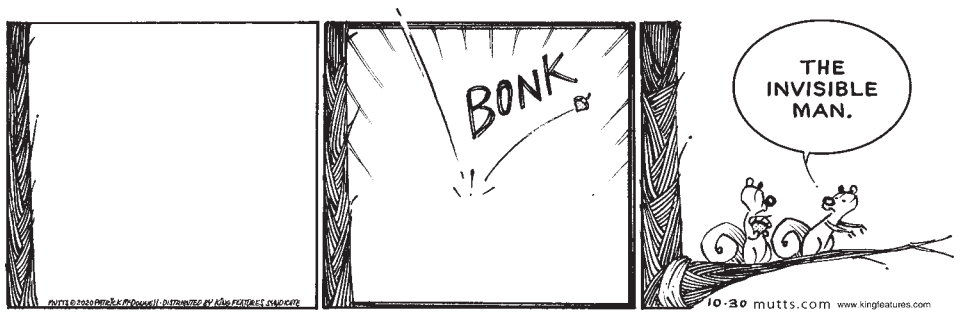
NOT AGAIN??
MADDENING, RIGHT?
WE HAVE TO TEXT SOME SENSE INTO THAT KID.
SOMEBODY NEEDS TO UPDATE THE PARENTING BOOKS.
SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN 10-30
zitscomics.com

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

I THOUGHT I'D KEEP YOU COMPANY WHILE YOUR FAMILY IS OUT OF TOWN!
THANKS
I'D OFFER YOU A PLATE OF FOOD, BUT I'M ALL OUT!
YOU'RE OUT OF FOOD?!
OUT OF CLEAN PLATES!
BROWNE
10-30

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS



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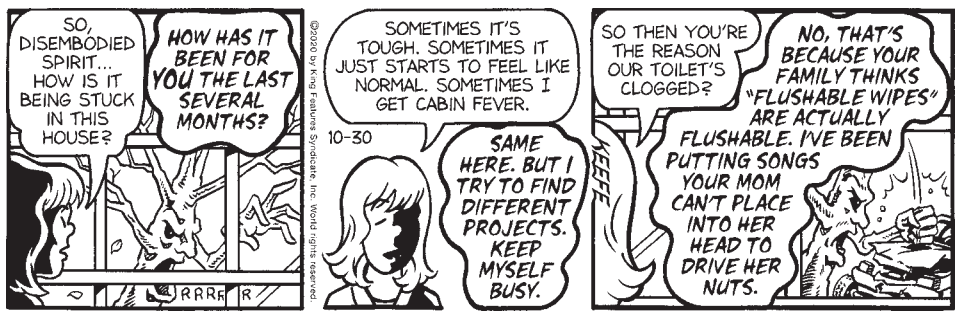
SO, DISEMBODIED SPIRIT... HOW IS IT BEING STUCK IN THIS HOUSE?
HOW HAS IT BEEN FOR YOU THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS?
SOMETIMES IT'S TOUGH. SOMETIMES IT JUST STARTS TO FEEL LIKE NORMAL. SOMETIMES I GET CABIN FEVER.
SAME HERE. BUT I TRY TO FIND DIFFERENT PROJECTS. KEEP MYSELF BUSY.
SO THEN YOU'RE THE REASON OUR TOILET'S CLOGGED?
NO, THAT'S BECAUSE YOUR FAMILY THINKS "FLUSHABLE WIPES" ARE ACTUALLY FLUSHABLE. I'VE BEEN PUTTING SONGS YOUR MOM CAN'T PLACE INTO HER HEAD TO DRIVE HER NUTS.
KEEFE
10-30
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DENNIS THE MENACE

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THE GUIDE

Editor's Note: In these uncertain times, events can change quickly. Be sure to check with venues for the latest updates and possible cancellations.

TODAY

Mike Talbot: 3 p.m., **Gemini:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Candy Caravan (drive-thru trick-or-treating): 6-8 p.m., Overflow Church, 300 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; free; 926-1191 or overflowchurch.org

Tim Velez: 6-9 p.m., Ghost Isle Brewery, 17684 U.S. Highway 12, New Buffalo; free; 469-9069 or www.ghostislebrewery.com

Sarett's Spooky Halloween: 6:30-9 p.m., Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor; $5 ages 2 and older (limited space); 927-4832 or www.sarett.org

Twin City Players presents "The 39 Steps": 7 p.m., online radio play; $10; 429-0400 or twincityplayers.org

SATURDAY

Trunk or Treat: noon-3 p.m., The Woodlands Course at Whittaker, 12578 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; free; 469-3400 or www.whittakergolf.com

JR Clark & The All Star Blues Mob: 1-3:30 p.m., **Top Secret Band:** 4-6:30 p.m.: Round Barn Estate, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda; 422-1617 or roundbarn.com

Trunk or Treat: 3-5 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 404 E. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph; free; 429-4941 or www.gracestjoseph.org

Trick-or-Treat Drive-Thru: 4-6 p.m., Road to Life Church, 3800 Niles Road, St. Joseph; free; 429-1106 or www.roadtolifechurch.com

Harbor Country Singers singalong: 6 p.m., Carver Park, Oak and Ash streets, Three Oaks; free; 409-1191 or schoolofamericanmusic.com/hcs

Halloween "Hallelujah" Night: 6-8 p.m., Niles Avenue Baptist Church, 1301 Niles Ave., St. Joseph; free; 983-2873 or www.nilesavebc.org

Krasl Art Center and Coastline Children's Film Festival present Flick-or-Treat: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph (outdoors); $2 suggested donation; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

The Crawpuppies: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or fourwindscasino.com

Howl-o-ween with The Rain Dogs: 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., The D.A.N.K., 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor; $10; 926-6652 or www.dank13.org

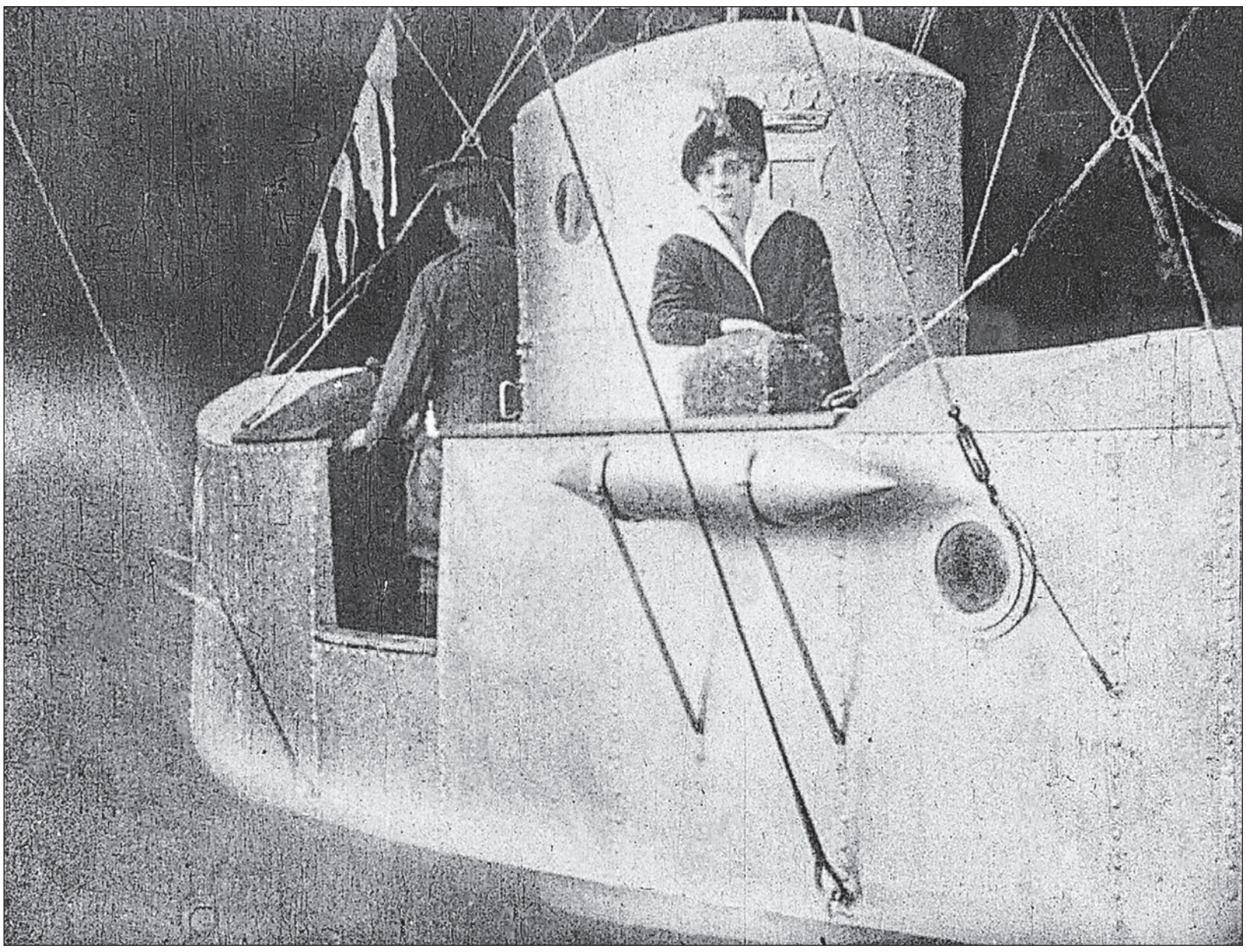
Andrews University Choirs Choral Invitational (livestreamed): 8 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Sarett's Spooky Halloween: see Oct. 30

SUNDAY

School of American Music presents "Return of the Fiddlers Two": 1:30 p.m., Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free, but tickets recommended; 409-1191 or schoolofamericanmusic.com

Zoom talk with author Susan Ruth: 2:30-3:30 p.m., free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org



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Flick-or-Treat, hosted by the Krasl Art Center and Coastline Children's Film Festival on Saturday night, will feature a series of short films followed by the feature film, "Filibus: The Mysterious Air Pirate."

Mike Talbot: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

"The 39 Steps": 6 p.m., see today

TUESDAY

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

THURSDAY

Thursday Night Films presents "Mozart's Sister": 6:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakes brewing.com

NOV. 6

Chris Behre: 3 p.m., **Michael Paterson:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Ed Skjordal: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Karoke with DJ Dale Owen: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Tim Velez: 6-9 p.m., Ghost Isle Brewery, 17684 U.S. Highway 12, New Buffalo; free; 469-9069 or www.ghostislebrewery.com

NOV. 7

The Mendel Center Broadway Talkback Series presents The King and I: 11:15 a.m. (watch party), 2 p.m. (talkback session with Director Bartlett Sher); via Zoom; $10 suggested donation or $25 for 3-month BroadwayHD subscription; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Rob Yocom: 3 p.m., **Mike Struwin:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Anna James: 6-9 p.m., Tosi's Restaurant, 4337 Ridge Road, Stevensville; free; 429-3689 or www.tosis.com

Andrews Academy Concerto Night (livestreamed): 8 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

NOV. 8

Sign Queen and Friends Holiday Market: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., FOP Lodge 95, 531 N. State St., Niles; free; thesignqueen.com

A Girl & A Guy: 3 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

NOV. 10

"The Office"-themed trivia night: 6:30 p.m., Silver Harbor Brewing Co., 721 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 281-7100 or www.silverharborbrewing.com

The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center presents "The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi: Keepers of the Fire" with John N. Low: 6:30 p.m., via Zoom; free; 983-1191 or theheritagemcc.org

Berrien Springs High School Men's Invitational: 7 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

NOV. 12

Thursday Night Films presents "A Coffee in Berlin": 6:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or dablon.com

Thursday Night Talks: The Golfmore Hotel with Tom Suhs: 6:30-8 p.m., History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakes brewing.com

NOV. 13

Chris Burch: 3 p.m., **Rob Yocom:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The Backsliders: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Tim Velez: 6-9 p.m., Ghost Isle Brewery, 17684 U.S. Highway 12, New Buffalo; free; 469-9069 or www.ghostislebrewery.com

Seventh Day Slumber: 6:30 p.m., Ely Park, North Maple Street, Hartford; free; www.seventhdayslumber.com

Andrews University annual Voice Vespers (livestreamed): 7 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

LYNN and the Moonshine Runners: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

NOV. 14

Brew With the Pros (home brew competition): 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Brews 2 Me, 404 N. Main St., Watervliet; $10; 201-6026 or www.brews2me.com

Eli Kahn: 3 p.m., **Jason Murphy:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Sarett Nature Center Virtual Trivia Night: 7 p.m., via Zoom; $100 per team of 10; 927-4832 or www.sarett.org

NOV. 15

The Mendel Center Broadway Talkback Series presents The Wind in the Willows: 9:45 a.m. (watch party), noon (talkback session with composers/lyricists George Stiles and Anthony Drewe); via Zoom; $10 suggested donation or $25 for 3-month BroadwayHD subscription; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Scott Club Concert Series presents The Ivan Akansiima Trio: 3 p.m., online via Foundry Hall's Twitch channel; free; 220-0444 or foundryhall.org

NOV. 17

Book review with "Madam President: The Secret Presidency of Edith Wilson" author William Hazelgrove: 6:30 p.m., via Zoom; free; 465-3663 or www.bridgmanlibrary.com

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

NOV. 19

Gallery tour with Wes Hunting: 6-6:30 p.m. (free, via Zoom), 7-8 p.m. (in person, $15); Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Thursday Night Films presents "Monsieur Lazhar": 6:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or dablon.com

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakes brewing.com

Andrews University Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert (livestreamed): 7:30 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

The Acorn Live Stream Series presents Eliot Lewis: 8 p.m., livestreamed; free; 756-3879 or acornlive.org

ART EXHIBITS

"My Library is a Garden" by Mark Rospenda and **"The ABC's of DOG" by Kathleen Petitjean:** through Sunday, Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

"Fantastical Flora and Fauna" (virtual exhibit): through Nov. 7, South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 637-1041 or www.southhavenarts.org

"To the Polls: Elections & Politics in Berrien County": through Nov. 22, History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

"Series 5" featuring "Head Menhirs" by Michelle Corazzo, "From the Ashes" by Carly Norris, "Heavy Like Floating" by Nicole Brown, "Nature Abstracted" by Maggie Bandstra and **"Objections: Democracy Under Pressure 2015-" by Vicki VanAmeyden:** through Nov. 29, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

"Artists As Influencers: Pathways in Glass" and **"Shelter-in-Place" (virtual and in-person exhibits):** through Nov. 29, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or krasl.org

"You Won't Part With Yours Either: Robert Perine and the Fender Guitar, 1957-1969": through January; ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 277-5090 or arsartsandculture.org

FILM

Virtual screenings: "Martin Eden": $12 for 5-day rental; **"The Keeper":** $12; **"Herb Alpert Is":** $12; **"Conviction":** $10 for 3 days; **"RGB":** $6.99 (to own); **"A Chef's Voyage":** $10; **"Blackbird":** $9.99, Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

ATTRACTIONS

Niles Scream Park: 7-11 p.m. today and Saturday; 7-10 p.m. Nov. 6-7 (Black Out weekend); Niles Scream Park, 855 Mayflower Road, Niles; $5-$15 individual attraction tickets, $28-$45 combination packages; 687-3327 or www.haunted.org

Haunted Lake Arvesta: 5-10 p.m. today and Sunday; 5-11 p.m. Saturday; Arvesta Sports Complex, 05264 CR 687, South Haven; $5-$20; 637-6464 or www.lakearvestafarms.com

The Pumpkin House: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays, through Nov. 29 (closed Thanksgiving); Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles; free with regular admission ($10, $7 seniors and students with ID, $5 military and ages 5-17; free members and ages 4 and younger); 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

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Heritage Museum going ahead with 2020 Fall Lecture Series

ST. JOSEPH — Although temporarily closed, The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center in St. Joseph has announced its 2020 Fall Lecture Series, featuring public talks celebrating Southwest Michigan history and culture.

"The Board of Directors are committed to continue our online virtual series while we take this time to reorganize and restructure our organization to better serve the organization and community," the nonprofit said in a news release.

First up was Bob Myers, who presented "Harriet Quimby: Michigan's 'New Woman' Aviatrix" on Tuesday.

At 6:30 p.m. Nov. 10, John N. Low, a Pokagon Band of Potawatomi citizen and an associate professor at Ohio State University at Newark, will present "The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi: Keepers of the Fire."

At 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3, Michael Eliasohn, a Michiana Jewish Historical Society board member, will present "The Jewish Heritage of Southwest Michigan."

The talks are free and open to the public. Due to current COVID-19 concerns, the talks are being streamed via Zoom.

Visit thehertiagemcc.org or check the Events section of the museum's Facebook page for more details.

The talks can be accessed at the times listed through this link: us02web.zoom.us/j/85809410769.

For more information, or to schedule an on-site appointment, email heritagemuseumculturalcenter@gmail.com.

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

■ **RESIDENTS IN 4 STATES CASH IN:** The phone lines will be ringing off the hook. That's because for the next 48 hours, packages containing actual Gold Vault Bricks still loaded with four 5-ounce Jumbo State Bars layered in valuable 24 Karat Gold minted by the Federated Mint are being shipped to residents in 4 states. These are the only Gold Vault Bricks known to exist and everyone wants them. That's because they're still loaded with Jumbo Gold Bars bearing the name of The First Bank of the United States of America and the state they were once destined for. And here's the best part. If you live in one of the 4 states listed in today's publication you cover only the minimum gold fee set for state residents of just $49 per ounce. That's a real steal because residents living outside of the designated 4 states must pay $124 per ounce if any remain.

Residents snap up Gold Bars issued in 4 States

Heavy Gold Vault Bricks loaded with valuable Jumbo State Bars layered in 24 Karat Gold are up for grabs as thousands stand to miss the deadline to claim the gold bars; now residents in 4 states can claim the Gold Vault Bricks for themselves and keep all the valuable bars found inside just by covering the minimum gold fee set for state residents within the next 48 hours

"It's like a modern day gold rush," said Mary Ellen Withrow, emeritus 40th Treasurer of the United States of America.

That's because actual Gold Vault Bricks™ still loaded with four 5-ounce Jumbo State Bars layered in valuable 24 Karat Gold bearing the name of the First Bank of the United States of America™ and the state they were once destined for are up for grabs as thousands of U.S. residents stand to miss the deadline to claim the gold. Now any resident of those states can claim the Gold Vault Bricks for themselves and keep all the valuable gold found inside. That's four massive bars weighing a full 20 ounces of high demand bullion copper layered in valuable 24 Karat Gold in all.

And here's the best part. If you live in one of the 4 states listed in today's publication you cover only the minimum gold fee set for state residents of just $49 per ounce which totals $980 for the full 20 ounces locked away inside these gold vault bricks. That's a real steal because residents living outside of the designated 4 states must pay $124 per ounce which totals $2,480 if any remain.

"As special counsel to Federated Mint I earn my pay delivering breaking news. And today's announcement confirming the release of Gold Vault Bricks to the general public is as big as it gets. Believe me, I know how valuable these Gold Vault Bricks are to resellers, collectors, dealers and anyone else who gets their hands on them," Withrow said.

"So my advice is this, anyone who gets an opportunity to get their hands on one of these Gold Vault Bricks better jump at the chance before they're all gone," Withrow said.

"These Gold Vault Bricks loaded with massive 5-ounce Jumbo State Bars layered in valuable 24 Karat Gold make the most impressive gifts for Christmas, birthdays, graduations, weddings, and any other occasion, especially for that hard-to-buy-for person," Withrow said.

According to Ms. Withrow, since thousands of U.S. residents stand to miss the deadline to claim the gold, today and tomorrow are intended as a "special 48 hour release" for the benefit of persons living in; MI, IN, OH and WI. This gives residents of those states a fair chance to claim the Gold Vault Bricks and all the valuable gold loaded inside for themselves.

But, Ms. Withrow added, "The Gold Vault Bricks are only available as inventory permits during the special 48 hour release and once they're gone, they're gone." The emeritus Treasurer added, "Remember this, these Gold Vault Bricks contain a full 20 ounces of high demand bullion copper layered in valuable 24 Karat Gold and we have no power to stop dealers, resellers, collectors and the like from buying up all the Gold Vault Bricks they can get their hands on and reselling them for a big profit," Withrow said.

Anyone who fails to obtain them during this special 48 hour release may be forced to buy them later in the secondary market from a dealer, reseller or collector at a hefty premium.

"We already know the phones will be ringing off the hook. That's why hundreds of agents are standing by to answer the phones beginning at 8:30am this morning. We're going to do our best, but with just 48 hours to answer all the calls it won't be easy. So make sure to tell everyone to keep calling if all lines are busy. We'll do our best to answer them all," Withrow said.

"That's why Federated Mint set up the State Distribution Hotlines in order to make sure residents in the 4 designated states listed in today's newspaper publication can get them now," Withrow said.

The only thing readers of today's newspaper publication need to do is make sure they live in one of the 4 states listed in today's newspaper and call the State Distribution Hotlines before the special 48 hour release ends midnight tomorrow. ■

▸ **Who gets the Jumbo Gold Bars:** Listed below in bold are the states that get the gold. If you live in one of these states immediately call the State Distribution Hotline at: **1-800-749-6917 GB1335**

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▸ **How much are the Gold Vault Bricks worth:** The answer is, it's impossible to say. But, it would be foolish for anyone to try and determine the value of these Gold Vault Bricks based on today's price of gold. Here's why. Gold, silver and all precious metal values always fluctuate and there are never any guarantees. But what we do know is that these are the only Gold Vault Bricks still loaded with four 5-ounce Jumbo State Bars known to exist. In fact, the value of the pure 24 Karat Gold layered content is just a bonus for anyone lucky enough to get one of these Gold Vault Bricks because there's no telling how much the actual collector value could be worth. That makes the minimum gold fee set for state residents of just $49 per ounce which totals $980 for the full 20 ounces locked away inside these Gold Vault Bricks a real steal since residents living outside of the designated 4 states must pay $124 per ounce, which totals $2,480, if any remain.

▸ **Why the vault fee is so low:** Since thousands of U.S. residents stand to miss the deadline to claim the gold, Federated Mint has re-allocated Gold Vault Bricks to be sent out in the next 48 hours. That means the gold is up for grabs and now residents in 4 states can claim the Gold Vault Bricks for themselves and keep all the valuable bars found inside. These are the only Gold Vault Bricks known to exist and everyone wants them. That's because they're still loaded with four 5-ounce Jumbo State Bars layered in valuable 24 Karat Gold bearing the name of The First Bank of the United States of America and the state they were once destined for. That's four massive bars weighing a full 20 ounces of 24 Karat Gold and valuable bullion copper in all. And here's the best part. If you live in one of the 4 states listed in today's publication you cover only the minimum gold fee set for state residents of just $49 per ounce. That's a real steal because residents living outside of the designated 4 states must pay $124 per ounce if any remain.

■ **FIRST LOOK INSIDE THE GOLD VAULT BRICKS:** Pictured above are the Gold Vault Bricks containing the only Jumbo State Gold Bars known to exist bearing the name of the First Bank of the United States of America and the state they were once destined for. State residents are rushing to get them because the Gold Vault Bricks are still loaded with four 5-ounce Jumbo State Bars layered in valuable 24 Karat Gold. Everyone lucky enough to get them better hold on to them because there's no telling just how much they could be worth.

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CASE NO. AND JUDGE 2020-0702-NC-D Hon. Jennifer L. Smith

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE

In the matter of:
Crystal Marie Briggs

TO ALL PERSONS, including: whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on December 15, 2020 at 9:50 a.m. at Berrien County Courthouse, 811 Port Street, Saint Joseph, Michigan 49085 VIA ZOOM MEETING ID: 623-630-9245 before Judge Jennifer L. Smith to change the name of: Crystal Marie Briggs to Crystal Marie Brown.

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Newspaper Inserter

The Herald-Palladium is looking to add to our current staff for our production/distribution department. The main function of the position is to work as part of a team while operating the equipment to insert advertisements into the newspapers produced at our print site. Must have attention to detail to ensure the products are inserted properly.

Job Type: Part-time

To apply: Email Bruce
btheisen@heraldpalladium.com

No Calls Please!

Trade Lines

Tradeline home delivery routes opening (once a week delivery). Please contact Julie Simpleman to apply 269-429-1877

1. Saint Joseph - East of Niles Ave: St. Joseph Dr. into downtown St. Joe $150/2weeks

2. Baroda - Linco to West Hinchman and East, as far as Hollywood Rd. $75.00/2weeks

3. Benton Harbor - Meadowbrook/Sodus Parkway area to E. Empire and East, as far as M140 $240/2weeks

4. Berrien Springs - Area off of Old 31/M 139 - John Beers Rd to East Lemon Creek and West, as far as Hollywood Rd. $270/2 weeks

The Herald-Palladium

Now Hiring

The Herald-Palladium is looking for a Customer Service Representative

Responsibilities include answering phone, email, classified ads & telemarketing.
Will be working in a team environment as well as independently.
Needs to be organized, have strong attention to detail, able to multi-task and work in a fast-paced atmosphere.
Must be able to communicate effectively and professionally.

Customer Service and Sales Experience preferred, but willing to train the right person.
Computer Experience Required.
Must have reliable transportation.

Email your resume to Angelique:
apetersen@thehp.com

No Calls Please!

WANTED TO BUY REAL ESTATE

cash money. No limit. Offers on request.

The trusted name, Winters-Associates, Developers & Investment Realty
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LEGALS

EMPLOYMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE

The City of South Haven is seeking a full-time City Clerk to record City Council minutes and ordinances and execute all election operations in accordance with State Law and the City Charter. Ensures that all records of the City are updated and processed and are easily retrievable for the general public. Serves as the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager. Associates degree in business administration, accounting, public administration or related field and two years of related experience is required. Bachelor's degree with two years of related experience is preferred.
To view full job posting and apply, go to southhavenmi.gov/human_resources.
Deadline for application is Nov 13. EOE

EDUCATION/ TEACHING

School Guidance Counselor

River Valley School District
Employment info at: www.rivervalleyschools.org
Deadline: Until Filled

Special Education Paraprofessional
JV Baseball Coach

River Valley School District
Employment info at: www.rivervalleyschools.org
Deadline: Until filled

GENERAL HELP

Boys' MS Basketball Coach
Girls' MS Basketball Coach

River Valley School District
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Deadline: Until filled

FOUND

Buchanan, MI
Two Dogs Found on Garr Rd (between Little Glendora & Grange) on Saturday 10/17
1 brown female &
1 black/dark brown male - both friendly with people.
Must show proof of ownership
Text or leave msg.
(269) 362-6001 or
Leave voicemail
(269) 449-8328

GENERAL HELP

The City of South Haven is seeking a full-time Assistant City Manager to assist in directing the preparation of plans, policies and programs to guide the growth and conservation of the City. Working with department directors, manages physical planning and land development, economic development, City building codes and land use regulations, housing conservation and rehabilitation, and community development activities. Communicates before various audiences on complex and sensitive issues. Serves as the City's Harbormaster. Assists City Manager with functions of general government administration and special projects.

Bachelor's degree in public administration, urban planning, business administration or related field is required. Master's degree in public administration or planning is preferred.

To view full job posting and apply, go to southhavenmi.gov/human_resources.
Deadline for application is 11/20/20. EOE

Stevensville, MI
Delivery Crew Assistant
$13-20 / hour
Drivers License Required
Assist on Deliveries
Perform Cleanings
General Help
Sensationalhottubs @att.net

In Memory of Louise Wooden-Brown

GENERAL HELP

The St. Joseph Housing Commission is accepting resumes for the Facilities Maintenance Assistant position. The position is located at Lake View Terrace Highrise, 601 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI. You may submit your resume and application to Nicol Brown, Executive Director by email executivedir@stjosephhousingcommission.org, mail or personal delivery to 601 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085. The position is full time with benefits such as health, prescription, and dental insurances as well as pension, sick and vacation. We are accepting resumes and applications until the position is filled.

Careers are made in the Classifieds... Find One Today!

GENERAL HELP

The City of St. Joseph is accepting applications/ resumes for the position of Water & Sewer Serviceperson. Knowledge of water and sewer systems is desirable. Applicants are required to have a valid MI driver's license with CDL Class A and N endorsements and pass a pre-placement physical, including drug screen. Please submit your application/resume to the City of St. Joseph Personnel Department, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or email to lmoore@sjcity.com by Friday, November 13, 2020. Application and full job description also available online at www.sjcity.com.

FINANCIAL

GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Consider every detail before you make a move. You may be eager to get on with your life, but obstacles will continue to plague you until you take care of unfinished business. It may be a slow process, but once you let go of the past, it will be much easier to pursue your goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Scrutinize secondhand information. A premature move will lead to unexpected difficulties if you rely on others to do things for you. Take control of what's happening around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Doing home improvements, having meaningful discussions, making plans with a loved one or interviewing for a position that intrigues you is favored. Romance is on the rise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An emotional setback may be daunting, but it will help uncover problems that need to be resolved. A truthful conversation will reveal what's possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Consider what you do for a living and how you would like to spend your time. The gap may not be as big as you think. Check out educational resources to improve your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Look for new ways to use your skills and expertise. You are overdue for a change that will help you let go of the past and fast-forward into something exciting.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An offer is only useful if it suits your needs. Refuse to get involved in something that will benefit someone else more than it will help you. Speak up, but don't let anger take the reins.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Expand your knowledge, interests and goals. Make sure you and a partner are on the same page before you agree to something long-term. Someone will offer an inflated point of view. Research the possibilities before getting involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A personal pick-me-up will boost your mood. Physical fitness, a new look or additional skills will encourage you to head in a new and exciting direction. A romantic encounter is favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do what's best for everyone. Refuse to get into a scuffle with someone negative or controlling. Do your own thing if you don't like what someone asks you to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Control your emotions. Back away from unstable situations. Create happiness, and peace of mind will follow. Work on the projects that are important to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change of plans will work in your favor. The information that comes your way will help you slide into situations with ease and put you in an excellent position to negotiate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Put your time and energy into an important relationship. Ease stress to improve your health. Do things that make you happy.

BUILDING MATERIALS

LaPorte, IN
High heat bills
For Sale
Bubble Wrap Foil Insulation
100 ft Rolls
4' 5' 6' wide
Insulate your homes, pole barns, dog houses, etc.
Half price, will keep 97% of heat in home.
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Benton Harbor, MI
3 Pillars Music is looking to buy record albums from 1970s to present, older guitars and comic books.
Please contact Tom at 269-313-7001 or 3pillarsmusic@gmail.com

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

La Porte, IN
4 snow tires
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Ford rims.
$500.00 OBO
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MERCHANDISE

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

Comic Books, Science Fiction Books, Pulp Magazines and Artwork wanted!
Will pay cash immediately for collections large and small. Call or Text Steve: 574.276.4877
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skimillers@aol.com

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- 6 weeks old
- 4 females, 3 males
- $300

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FARM

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St. Joseph, MI
2012 VW Eos
Hard top convertible
Silver with beige leather interior,
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non-smoker.
Great condition
180,000 miles
$5,000
(616)510-0235

People DO Read Small Ads. You Did!

CHANGE OF TIME AND DATE NOTICE FOR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the St. Joseph Charter Township Board of Trustees has set a public hearing for an electronic meeting via ZOOM (MCLA 141.412) to discuss the St. Joseph Charter Township, 2021 Budgetary needs:

DATE: Monday, December 7, 2020
TIME: at the 6:00 p.m. meeting to follow the 6:05 p.m. No Wake Zone public hearing

***The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed 2021 budget will be the subject of this hearing (PA 40, 41, & 42 of 1995).**

Please take further notice that the tentative text of the above request may be examined prior to the date of the hearing during normal business hours at the St. Joseph Charter Township Hall.

Reason for Electronic Meeting: Michigan Governor's Executive Orders – Temporary requirement to suspend and/or limit activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life

Public Participation Procedures: The public may join this meeting through Zoom, an electronic meeting platform, on any device that will connect to the internet i.e., smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop. In order to hear and be heard the device must be equipped with a speaker and microphone. Public participants will be asked to mute audio during the meeting except during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. At that time, a member of the public may speak when addressed by the Supervisor. Public participants are encouraged to speak one at a time in a clear manner. A public invitation will be posted on the Township website main page www.sjct.org as shown below:

Topic: St. Joseph Charter Township Board of Trustees Meeting December 7 2020
Time: Dec 7, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86305625673?pwd=dCs4dW9JRUVBVnFjWGVQYjRyMk9BQT09

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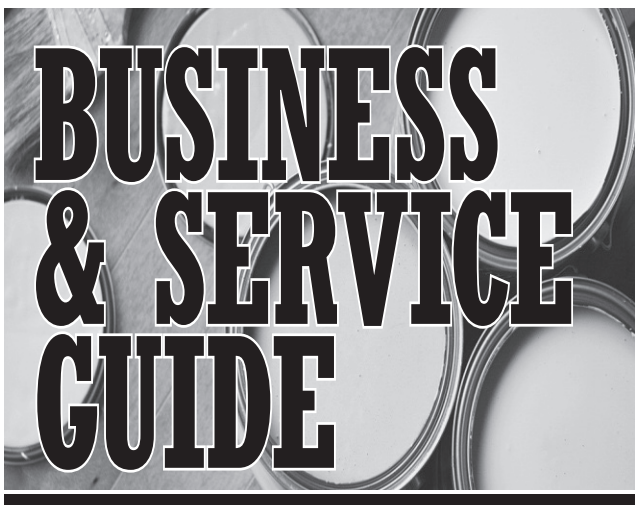
This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The St. Joseph Charter Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon three (3) days-notice to the St. Joseph Charter Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the St. Joseph Charter Township Board by writing or calling the following:
Patrice Rose, Clerk
3000 Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 147
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-429-7703



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